



## EDITOR'S PAGE

# Introducing our new associate editors and editorial board members

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It is with great pleasure that I introduce our Associate Editors and Editorial Board Members; some old appointments and some new appointments. They are

### Associate Editors:

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Together our Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Board bring a breadth of content expertise, clinical perspective, research skills, statistical knowledge and publication experience. We have tried to ensure that together we adequately represent different professions, both genders, those from various geographical locations as well as people in different stages of their careers. We have also tried to reach a balance between basic scientists, clinicians and clinical researchers. All of these considerations are important for setting us up to make good decisions about the future direction of the journal and our publication priorities. We will together work on further developing the journal to ensure it remains the premier journal for all research related to spinal cord injury.

I also want to flag to readers and authors the increased responsibility of our Associate Editors. They will now act as sub-editors for manuscripts in their areas of expertise. So they will make initial decisions about suitability for review and will then allocate reviewers and make a final recommendation as to whether a paper is suitable for publication. We will also try to ensure that all papers are reviewed by at least one member of the Editorial Board. We hope that this process will ensure that manuscripts receive excellent reviews from those with appropriate expertise and that decisions about suitability for publication are shared between reviewers, Associate Editors, members of the Editorial Board and myself.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all our retiring Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Board. They have all contributed in different ways to the development of the journal. Some have been members for many, many years and have given generously of their time, energy and expertise. To all of them, we are extremely grateful. We also thank our large team of dedicated reviewers. They continue to be the backbone of our journal.