Editorial

As we begin the third millennium, our Society and its Journal are entering an era of exciting growth and change. Our Society is increasing in size and scope. The topic of sexual and erectile dysfunction (SD and ED, respectively) is more openly discussed and written about in many areas of the world. The pharmaceutical industry has recognized that ED and SD is a profitable market and has utilized the intellect of many of our members to advance the field. Our Journal has been recognized through its impact factor score as one that is well read and cited on a world-wide basis. That achievement has two implications for the society. We, as members of ISIR, can take pride in the accomplishment resulting from the efforts of the editorial staff, the contributors and the publisher. It also means that the Journal can be given primary consideration by authors wishing to exhibit their work, with pride, in a widely read market with a rapid publication time. The editors and publisher will continue to work to ensure that goal is achieved. The excellent scientific quality of the work presented at the Society's 9th World Meeting on Impotence Research and the 12th Symposium on Corpus Cavernosum Research in Perth in November 2000 was an example of our field's advancement. The prize-winning manu-

scripts from that meeting will be published in volume 13 of the Journal. We will also publish two specialty issues. One devoted to Peyronie's disease and the other to central mechanisms of sexual control. Each issue will have its own specialty editor.

In order to ensure the continued excellence of the Journal, the executive committee has established a permanent publications committee. The committee is charged with formal negotiations with the publisher and can be a final arbiter in disputes that may arise from time to time. A primary role of the committee is to be in charge of the editorial succession of the Journal. Since its inception, the editors have run the Journal as a labor of love, with pride in ISIR and the importance of the field it represents. In the future, the editors will be chosen from those who respond to an advertisement in the Journal. They will have a paid position and a finite term as decided by the committee. I fully support that goal as a means of ensuring quality management of the Journal over the decades to come and look forward to helping to choose our successor.

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