

Editorial

I would like to express my deepest thanks to my co-founding and present co-editors: Dr William Furlow, Mayo Clinic, 1989–1992 and Dr Arnold Melman, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1993–2002.

Both have been marvellous and cooperative colleagues as well as highly professional in their academic standards. Together with our hard working reviewers we have fulfilled our goal to “achieve balance between basic research and clinical studies”¹ and brought the *International Journal of Impotence Research* into a prestigious position amongst well-cited journals.

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This issue of the *International Journal of Impotence Research* is my final as co-editor. It has been a productive and satisfying 11 years. During this time we have seen significant advances in our understanding and treatment of both erectile function and dysfunction. The journal was the first to publish and advocate many of those advances. Acceptance of the Journal by Medline and Current Contents during this time has enhanced our authors and our field throughout the scientific and medical community.

I would like to personally thank Gorm Wagner for inviting me to be co-editor on IJIR. Gorm has been an innovative and spiritual leader in sexual medicine for more than three decades and it has been a pleasure for me to share this project with him. Early on, before the international listing for the journal was secured, I called and persuaded the American and Asian ISSIR scientific community to publish

The *International Journal of Impotence Research* was started when scientific and therapeutic breakthroughs emerged and the journal gradually absorbed the new exciting developments through the 1990's, the story of which I shall write about another time.

My thanks to the readers as well.

G Wagner

References

- 1 Introduction. *Int J Impot Res* 1989; 21; 1.

their best works in the journal. Many authors took a chance and this allowed the journal to advance and we are all the better for it.

Manuscript review by the editorial board is a difficult job, but the time given ensures that the best papers are published and also allows independent peer review of work which frequently makes for a better final product. I would particularly like to thank those who have made my job as co-editor easier because of their rapid response and thoughtful and rapid review. Those people include, our Book Review editor Alvaro Morales and Journal Review editor, Arthur Burnett. Also George Benson, Ira Sharlip, Bernard Fallon, George Christ, Sidney Glina, Ralph DePalma, Yoshimura Sato, Taylor Segraves and Stan Althof.

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