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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

As you may know from the latest issue, the second term of Professor Grazyna Sypniewska as the editor-in-chief of the Electronic Journal of IFCC has recently expired. I would like to thank Grazyna for her high quality editorial activity and also for the fact that she accepted to stay on the Editorial Board. With the 1st of January 2012 I took the position over from Grazyna. Our main goal is to improve the journal and make it an established scientific forum with proper indexing and impact factor. However, it might take a longer period and a lot of common effort to achieve these goals.

The first issue of 2012 will be published in the same style, frame, and format as earlier. From the second issue on, we would like to give a specific scientific and professional focus for each individual issue (e.g. dealing with recent developments of molecular diagnostics, diabetes, etc.). For a significant part of these thematic issues, I would like to invite guest editors who are renowned representatives of the field.

As mentioned earlier, we would also like to improve the quality of the papers. The peer-review process will be of key importance to achieve this. However, the future issues will not be providing space for research papers only. We would like to open a column on educational matters, including e-learning possibilities in laboratory medicine. Member societies of the IFCC have a long, interesting and quite diverse history. We will invite some societies – particularly those with an anniversary – to show their own development, history, background and goals for the international community of laboratory professionals.

I would like to invite you to join us in these activities.

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Yours sincerely,

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