

Foreword of the editor

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This themed issue of the eJIFCC on Publication Ethics is based on the lectures of the symposium “PEER REVIEW AND ETHICS IN PUBLICATION IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE” organized by the Communications and Publications Division of the IFCC. The symposium was presented at the IFCC Worldlab Congress in Istanbul in 2014. Organizers of the symposium and thus the guest-editors of this themed issue were Professor Khosrow Adeli (Canada) and Dr. Peter Vervaart (Australia).

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Dr. Adeli is a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry and a diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Biochemistry. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Critical Reviews in Clinical Laboratory Sciences*. Dr. Adeli served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Clinical Biochemistry* journal for 7 years (1999-2006).

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Dr. Adeli has been actively involved in both basic and clinical laboratory research since 1988 and has published over 250 articles and abstracts in the field of lipid and lipoprotein metabolism, diabetic dyslipidemia, and metabolic disorders. He has received several national and international awards for research excellence including the 2014 Distinguished Service Award of the University of Toronto, the 2011 Canadian Society of Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (CSATVB) Scientific Excellence Award, the 2008 Merck Senior Investigator Award of the Canadian Lipoprotein Conference, the 2006 Canadian Society of Clinical Chemistry National Award for outstanding contributions to clinical chemistry, 2004 Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry National Award, and the 1999 Canadian Society of Clinical Chemistry Research Excellence Award. He has also been active in clinical chemistry research and is the

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