

Farewell message from the editor-in-chief

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Dear Colleagues,

This is the last issue of the eJIFCC that I edit in my capacity as the editor-in-chief of the journal. The two terms, i.e. a six-year period of service I held in the Communication and Publication Division of the IFCC, have elapsed rapidly. Looking back, a lot of things have happened to us including a large variety of changes we were involved in, or we initiated. 14.000 laboratorians from 93 countries receive the journal mass-mailed to their computers quarterly. Most importantly, eJIFCC is now indexed by PubMed Central, a development that has largely increased our visibility. A year ago, we submitted our application to Web of Science as well as to Scopus indexing; these processes, however, take years. We have also become member of the Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE).

The Editorial Board has been extended considerably during this period. In addition to the “old” members, twenty new members accepted to volunteer for the journal’s editorial activities, all of them renowned laboratory scientists from different continents. Thanks to them, I almost never received a reviewer invitation rejected. The editorial board members were also most helpful in reviewing the presentations of

IFCC’s e-Academy, a new and highly successful product of the Communication and Publication Division. I specially thank the help of my two associate editors, Dr. Harjit Pal Bhattoa (Hungary), responsible for the linguistic editing, and Dr. Reinhard B. Raggam (Austria), the case-report editor of the journal.

The journal, the editorial board and the editor has always had the full support of Dr. Ellis Jacobs and Dr. Khosrow Adeli, the two chairs of the Communication and Publication Division, who followed each other in my editorial period.

The professional help of Insoft Digital in the e-publication of the journal needs to be acknowledged as well. They have greatly improved the professional appearance of the journal.

Last, but not least, I have to thank Mrs. Silvia Colli-Lanzi at the IFCC Office in Milan. Without her enthusiastic and highly professional assistance, neither the IFCC, nor the e-journal would be the same.

I wish the new editor and especially the laboratorians out there on all the continents further great success with the eJIFCC!

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