



New Editor-in-Chief—welcome to Simon Boulton!

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In this first issue of 2018, I am delighted to announce that Professor Simon Boulton will succeed me as Editor-in-Chief of *Chromosoma*. Simon has been on the board of Associated Editors of *Chromosoma* since 2011. He is an eminent scientist with broad experience and an outstanding international reputation in the field of DNA repair. Thus, Simon is eminently qualified to lead *Chromosoma* into an exciting future and I am very happy to put the editorial responsibility for this scholarly journal into his hands.

I have had the privilege to enjoy 40 years of exploratory science and have acted as Editor-in-Chief for *Chromosoma* since 2003. Having reached retirement age, I have now decided to close my laboratory, resign from all editorial duties and pursue other interests in life. My thanks go to all the authors, referees and readers of *Chromosoma* that have contributed to the success of the journal in recent years. I would also like to thank all members of the Editorial Board of *Chromosoma*, as well as my editorial assistants and the staff at Springer-Nature for a most enjoyable collaboration during the past 15 years. I am confident that *Chromosoma* will continue to prosper and wish Simon Boulton all the very best for the years to come!
Erich Nigg

Thanks and all the very best...

As I step into the rather large shoes vacated by Prof. Erich Nigg, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Erich for his effort and dedication during his time as Editor-in-Chief at

Chromosoma. Erich leaves the journal in a very healthy position, which makes my job easier as I transition from Associate Editor to Editor-in-Chief. However, I am also acutely aware that I have a very difficult act to follow. I am particularly grateful to Erich for his nomination to succeed him in this important role. I was very fortunate to have worked as a visiting scientist in Erich's department at the Max-Planck-Institute of Biochemistry (Martinsried) during my second postdoc over 20 years ago. As such, this gives me the opportunity to thank him for his support both in my early career as well as now. I wish him all the very best for a long and fulfilling retirement.

Moving forward into 2018, I will endeavour to build on the success that Erich, the Board of Associate Editors and Springer-Nature have brought to *Chromosoma* over the years. I am very much looking forward to working with our outstanding Board of Associate Editors and hope to expand our expertise into complementary areas where necessary. With recent technological advances in genome editing, Hi-C methods, high-content and high-resolution microscopy and Cryo-EM, this is a particularly exciting time for our field, which I hope will reflect in the continued success of *Chromosoma* in the years to come. I wish you all the very best for 2018.

Simon Boulton

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