Editorial

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I am both honored and delighted to be writing you as your new Editor-in-Chief. This journal was founded by Dr. Blair Rogers, an attending surgeon at New York University, where I did my training and where I had the pleasure of knowing him both professionally and personally. Coincidentally, my office is located next door to the place where Dr. Rogers practiced for so many years on 5th Avenue in New York City. I personally witnessed his diligence in serving as editor of this fine publication. I fondly remember a mahogany table in his office laden with past volumes of the journal and piles of new manuscripts destined for review. I understand from our publishing partner, Dr. Bill Curtis, President of Springer Science + Business Media's New York office, that Dr. Rogers used the kitchen sink in his New York City apartment as a similar receptacle for manuscripts, including a precise system for incoming and outgoing articles. How things have changed. Ours is the era of computerized reviews and online journals.

I take this opportunity to thank the Society; the Board of Directors; Catherine Foss, President of the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ISAPS), Dr. Foad Nahai; the staff at Springer, particularly Bill Curtis and Victoria Ferrara; and the Chairman of the Journal Operations Committee, Dr. Bryan Mendelson for their hard work and diligence during this period of transition. I especially thank outgoing editor, Dr. Tom Biggs, for his dedication to

the journal and gracious availability during this change-over. Furthermore, I would be remiss if I did not thank my staff, Deborah, Ciara, Dena, and Jennifer, and my new research assistant, Kimi.

As an international publication, *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery* has many advantages. With its vast geographic reach comes wonderfully rich intellectual diversity. This diversity naturally includes the nuances of different languages and cultures. My goal is to harness this talent in an efficient and meaningful manner without losing the value of this diversity in the complex, sometimes cumbersome, editorial process.

Changes will be forthcoming, and these may at times seem bothersome and even irritating. I hope you will tolerate these changes and recognize what I hope will become our mutual goal of building a premier publication on the excellent foundation established by my two predecessors. I gladly welcome any creative ideas and concerns from you, our readers and authors, as we work together to take this journal to the level of excellence it deserves.

In the future, I will be calling upon many of you in one capacity or another to serve the needs of the journal with your academic and professional expertise, and I sincerely hope you will participate.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the ISAPS Congress.

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