Introduction to the 80th Anniversary Issue

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With this issue, *Digestive Diseases and Sciences* enters its 80th year of continuous publication. To commemorate this auspicious event, we have designed the cover to resemble that of the first issue and we have added a special section, edited by our associate editor David Rubin, that provides scholarly commentaries addressing the impact of articles published in the first volumes of this journal's predecessor, the *American Journal of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition*, accompanied by facsimiles of their first pages.

I am also pleased to announce that DDS has expanded the scope of its reporting of academic clinical conferences to the University of New Mexico, which, under the guidance and leadership of editorial board member Denis McCarthy and our deputy editor, Henry Lin, has made

available the first of a series entitled "UNM Clinical Case Conferences," which will be combined with the Stanford Multidisciplinary Seminars under the rubric "DDS Distinguished Digestive Seminars."

The editors and editorial board of DDS are proud to have reached this point in the journal's history. We look forward to further restoring the journal to its former pre-eminence as a publisher of first-quality basic and clinical science articles. We hope that the articles that we publish now will have, 80 years hence, substantially impacted the practice of medicine.

We at DDS all hope that you will enjoy reading and will benefit from the special content provided in this issue in addition to our regularly published articles.

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