Editorial

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2011 heralds a new era for the Journal of Molecular Histology. The Editorial Board membership has been augmented by the appointment of four new Section Editors. These Editors will champion the core disciplines currently targeted by the Journal of Molecular Histology. I would like to welcome Melissa Little (Development and Disease), Udo Schumacher (Cell–cell and Cell–matrix Interactions), Simon Cool (Connective Tissues) and Brian Key (Neuroscience) to their new roles as Section Editors. This team is supported by an invigorated Editorial Board that includes Per Alm (Sweden), Mosie Bendayan (Canada), Eugenio Bertelli (Italy), Taichi Ezaki (Japan), Michel Goldberg (France), Christopher Murphy (Australia), Jörg Reichrath (Germany), Jan Slezak (Slovak Republic) and Kazunori Toida (Japan). I am proud of both the extensive scientific expertise as well as by the diversity in national communities represented by our Board members.

The Journal is indebted to the long and dedicated service of the following retiring Board members: E. Baumgart, F. T. Bosman, G. R. Coulton, L. E. DeBault, H. D. Fahimi, W. M. Frederiks, R. Gossrau, M. N. Moore, A. F. M. Moorman, P. Petrusz and C. A. Sewry. On behalf of all past

and present Board members I would also like to acknowledge the leadership of P. J. Stoward as the former Editor-in-Chief of the Histochemical Journal (in 2004 the Journal was renamed the Journal of Molecular Histology). The journal has a long history and is now entering its 44th year of production in 2011. The changes announced here will ensure our international standing continues to strengthen into the future.

Sadly, in 2010 we lost a good friend in Ismo Virtanen, who unexpectedly passed away from an illness. Ismo was my co-Chief Editor for 6 years and his unending administrative support and scientific insight will be missed by all involved with the Journal of Molecular Histology.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the administration and production team at Springer who work behind the scenes to make sure that each issue of the journal is published in a timely and professional manner. Special acknowledgement is owed to our Publishing Editor, Dr. Martijn Roelandse, who has been instrumental in bringing changes to the Editorial Board and suggesting a revamp of the journal's front cover.

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