Editorial

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As we enter into the fourth year of publication, it is evident that *Cardiovascular Engineering and Technology (CVET)* has finally secured its place among scientific journals in the field of biomedical engineering. With the initial vision to provide a forum for academic and industrial professionals to disseminate their work in the fields of cardiovascular engineering, physiology, and medical therapies, the journal is providing a great outlet for cardiovascular researchers around the world.

The growth of the journal since its inception in 2010 has shown to parallel the expansion and vitality of translational research in the cardiovascular field. The journal's accomplishments over the past year are marked by a consistent increase in the number of articles submitted for review per year and an increase in the average number of journal articles published per issue. In 2012, CVET received a total of 139 manuscripts submitted for review from 25 different countries, nearly a twofold increase compared to the 74 papers that were submitted in 2011. Additionally, the average number of articles per issue has increased from eight articles in 2011, to eleven articles on average per issue in 2012. In 2013, we are looking forward to a further increase in the number of submitted papers to be considered for our four quarterly issues, as well as two special topic issues. In 2011, CVET's first special issue was published on "pediatric circulatory support" with an editorial by Timothy Baldwin from NHLBI. The special issues for 2013 will focus on the topics of "Fetal Hemodynamics" and "Engineering in Stroke Interventions". Finally, the application for ISI and

PubMed listing are in progress through our publisher Springer, and we expect to receive an impact factor in 2014.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce the addition of eleven new internationally recognized experts to the Editorial Board: Dr. Hanjoong Jo (Emory University School of Medicine), Mr. Sal Marquez (Edwards Lifesciences), David Yuh, MD (Yale University School of Medicine), Dr. Francesco Migliavaca (Politecnico di Milano), Gautam Kumar, MD (Emory University), Dr. Sarah Wells (Dalhousie University), Dr. James Moore (Imperial College London), Dr. Kerem Pekkan (Carnegie Mellon University), Dr. Robin Shandas (University of Colorado, Denver), Jeff Rottman, MD (Vanderbilt University School of Medicine), and Dr. Barry Lieber (Stony Brook University Medical Center). The appointment of these professionals from academic biomedical engineering departments, the cardiovascular industry, and cardiology & cardiac surgery specialities brings the total number of Associate Editors to 35 and serves to diversify the areas of expertise among the board members. It is my hope that the addition of these new board members will expand both the international reach of the journal, and the variety of topics of the research papers that are submitted to CVET. I would like to thank each of the new board members for their acceptance, and the current board members and reviewers for their timely and dependable reviews. A list of the 2012 reviewers may be found on the back cover page of this issue.

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