Pediatric Radiology editorial update — changes abound

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“The only constant in life is change.”

– Heraclitus (Greek philosopher)

Since the start of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the *Pediatric Radiology* offices, though virtual, having been humming with activity. Between the attention on COVID-19 itself, increased academic productivity and publications that the pandemic brought, and our own pursuit of a number of special topical issues, the journal has experienced an unprecedented period of sustained “business” and success. Some of you have probably noticed thicker recent issues of the journal recently, a manifestation of our success. We thank our publisher, Springer, for accommodating our needs for a few more pages to lighten the queue and shorten time to print publication.

Many people have contributed to these efforts. We thank all of our contributors and the guest editors of special issues. We thank our legion of reviewers from around the world. With increased submissions there are more reviews to be done. You have stepped up, accepted the responsibility and been timely. We thank our editorial board members who carry an extra load of reviews and contributions. Our copy editors (Leah Maurer and Michele Siuda Jacques) and photography editor (Amanda Oberlee-Clouse) have kept up with the volume and continue their excellent, consistent and timely work. They are highly reliable and integral to our success. Our partners in production at Springer have also maintained a healthy pace and worked hard. It should be noted that the increase in submissions with the COVID-19 pandemic was not unique to our journal, but rather manifest with nearly all medical journals in all specialties. In spite of this challenge, the production crew at Springer has kept up marvelously.

Finally, I would be remiss not to note the extraordinary work of Stephanie Custer, journal editorial assistant. Despite being shifted to working exclusively from home, Stephanie has been an incredible pillar of excellence and consistency in her work throughout this very busy time. She has not only kept us afloat but rudder down and heading in the right direction with a strong clip. Stephanie is an excellent communicator and has worked hard to help innumerable authors make their work better. She has kept the editor and assistant editors on task and beautifully worked with Springer and our European counterparts to create a timely and seamless journal, month in, month out. Even before COVID-19, much of our work was virtual. With COVID-19, the journal office has become entirely virtual in operation. Stephanie has been instrumental in improving our processes, maintaining digital records and creating the virtual infrastructure for sustained success. Unfortunately for us, Stephanie will be leaving *Pediatric Radiology* as of Nov. 15 for an exciting opportunity that she has prepared well for with us. We sincerely thank Stephanie for her many contributions to our success and wish her the very best. She will do well and her new employer will be blessed to have her.

We are thus in the process of searching for a new journal editorial assistant to replace Stephanie, acknowledging that it will be a challenge to find someone as talented and dedicated. We are optimistic though.

November also brings a change in editor for the European (actually Europe and the rest of the world [besides the Americas]) Editorial Office. As of Nov. 1, Øystein Olsen has stepped down and Amaka Offiah has assumed the mantle of editorship.

Øystein has been a superlative partner in this journey. For those who do not know him, he is brilliant, well spoken, meticulous and quietly demanding. Through these last 7 years, our somewhat unique trans-Atlantic partnership of producing the journal has worked marvelously. While our editorial office approaches and structure vary some, the product of a monthly (actually now every fourth week) journal composed of consistently high-quality publications is a testament to this relationship. Like myself, Øystein has high standards and expectations for the work we publish. We

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have pride for the work that goes into making each article, from wherever it comes and in whatever form it has been submitted, into a publishable piece, consistent in quality, format and style. We both enjoy helping authors to improve their publications. While some of our labor has been shared, Øystein has not had the benefit of a journal editorial assistant along the way. Although this has meant more work for him at times, it has also placed him somewhat closer to the authors along the way. I would like to thank Øystein for his dedication to pediatric radiology, the profession, and to *Pediatric Radiology*, the journal. His work has been exemplary. On a personal side, it has truly been a pleasure to work with Øystein. He is a valued friend, and I will always look forward to catching up with him whenever our paths cross.

Amaka Offiah became the editor of the European Office as of Nov. 1. Amaka works at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom. She has a wealth of experience in academic medicine, with particular expertise in pediatric musculoskeletal imaging, child abuse imaging and artificial intelligence. For the journal, Amaka has been a valued contributor, reviewer and editorial board member (category: child abuse). She a guest editor of an upcoming and very timely special issue on artificial intelligence in pediatric radiology. Amaka brings new ideas and great enthusiasm. Although transitions are challenging, Øystein is assisting Amaka in learning our processes and standards. Similarly, I have reached out to Amaka to assist and build a partnership going forward. I am very excited to have Amaka as a new editorial partner. There is much good work to be done. Welcome Amaka!

Between the transitions of the journal editorial assistant and the European editor, the road ahead will be bumpy. We ask your patience as we navigate the obstacles and work to maintain the high standards, consistency and timeliness that all of us have come to expect. Thank you.

Finally, as we do each year, I would like to acknowledge the Editorial Board of the journal. The Editorial Board of *Pediatric Radiology* provides guidance on content and direction of the journal. Individuals are invited to serve on the journal's Editorial Board because of their expertise and experience in subject matter, established record of excellence, and availability and reliability in reviewing manuscripts, and in recognition of other contributions to the journal and the profession of pediatric radiology. We sincerely thank the members of the Editorial Board for their contributions to the ongoing success of our journal. The Editorial Board of *Pediatric Radiology* is listed in the front matter of each issue of the journal.

Editorial Board membership is not honorary. The Editorial Board of *Pediatric Radiology* is a working editorial board. Editorial Board members do a greater number of reviews, not infrequently involving papers that are challenging, controversial or obscure in nature. When we are challenged for reviewers for a manuscript, we turn to the Editorial Board members for assistance. In addition to reviewing, members of the Editorial Board contribute as subject matter experts. Editorial Board members assist the editors as consultants and by identifying new reviewers to add to our team. Editorial Board members are occasionally asked to contribute commentaries to elucidate important or controversial articles. Editorial Board members are asked to contribute to the journal in the form of review articles, minisymposia and other special projects at least once every 3–5 years. These contributions undergo the standard review process.

The composition of the Editorial Board of *Pediatric Radiology* is re-evaluated and updated each year. The new Editorial Board takes effect with the January issue of each volume (year). Service is not term-limited.

The editorial team is extremely grateful to our Editorial Board members for their important contributions to the journal. Success of the journal is dependent on the expertise, guidance and contributions of the community of experts in pediatric imaging and related subjects. We would like to sincerely thank the following outgoing Editorial Board members for their years of excellent service to the journal:

James Donaldson (*Interventional Radiology*)
Robert MacDougall (*Physics and Radiation Dose*)
Amaka Offiah (*Child Abuse*) [as of 11/1/2021]

We would like to welcome the following incoming Editorial Board members:

Matthew Hawkins (*Interventional Radiology*)
Aparna Joshi (*General*)
Marla Sammer (*Health Services/Radiology Practice*)

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