Announcement from the Editor in Chief

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Spring is my favorite time of year as it marks rebirth in nature...as well as at the World Journal Surgery, where it is time for us to welcome the newest members of our Editorial Board, this year celebrated with a new feature. In addition to the announcements below, we will plan to introduce each of the new editorial board members separately over the next several months, with photographs and brief biographies that will demonstrate the exceptional talent and diversity represented by the group. I am thrilled that women make up the majority of our new additions, and I am encouraged by the truly international backgrounds of our peer reviewers.

I would like to start by recognizing those editorial board members who will be rotating off. Thank you to all for their long and faithful service to the World Journal of Surgery. These reviewers include: Drs Walter Biffl of the USA, Charles Brunick of the USA, Jan Brunkwall of Germany, Albert Chan of Hong Kong, Conor Delaney of the USA, Gerard Doherty of the USA, Takashi Fujimura of Japan, Wojciech Gorecki of Poland, Imran Hassan of the USA, Guo-Wei He of China, Scott Helton of the USA, Young-Woo Kim of Korea, WL Law of Hong Kong, Chung-Yau Lo of Hong Kong, and Mark Smithers of Australia. Rowan Parks of Scotland will leave our editorial board to assume his new role as Associate Editor focused on pancreatic surgery.

And next I would like to welcome our additions to the WJS Editorial Board: Drs Adnan Alseidi of the USA (HPB and minimally invasive surgery, education), Shmuel Avital of Israel (GI, colorectal surgery, gastric surgery and surgical oncology), Denise Carneiro-Pla of the USA (endocrine surgery), Kathryn Chu of South Africa (trauma, colorectal, rural and global surgery), Liane Feldman of Canada (minimally invasive surgery), Tamara Fitzgerald of the USA (pediatric and global surgery), Takeo Fukagawa of Japan (gastric surgery and surgical oncology), Julie Hallet of Canada (HPB and gastric surgery), Jennifer Kuo of the USA (endocrine surgery), Julie Miller of Australia (endocrine surgery), Masato Nagino of Japan (hepatobiliary surgery), Ross Roberts of New Zealand (foregut surgery), Lilian Schwarz of France (HPB surgery), Barclay Stewart of the USA (critical care, hernia, global, rural and trauma surgery), Michaela West of the USA (trauma, critical care, acute care and burn surgery), and Heather Yeo of the USA (colorectal surgery and education). Please join me in congratulating all!

In this issue of WJS, you will have the opportunity to meet four of our new editorial board members: Drs Avital, Feldman, Miller and Roberts.

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