Editorial

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On completion of Volume 33, Professor Arnold G. Coran retired as Editor-in-Chief of Pediatric Surgery International. Arnie has been involved with the Pediatric Surgery International since its inception in 1986. In the beginning, he was an Associate Editor and in 2000 was appointed Co-Editor-in-Chief with Professor Alois Schärli, the founder of the Journal. During this period, he has served with dedication, commitment and diligence which has tremendously helped to improve the visibility and impact of Pediatric Surgery International.

Arnie has had a wonderful and remarkable career as a pediatric surgeon, mentor and a researcher. He was Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School and Surgeon-in-Chief at the CS Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor from 1981 to 2005. Although he retired as Surgeon-in-Chief from the Children's Hospital in 2005, he continues to impart inspiration to many younger colleagues. Arnie, who has always believed that "work is fun", not only continues to operate on complex cases all over the world but also continues to mentor, advise and help with research. He has received numerous awards and honors for outstanding contribution to the development of pediatric surgery including the prestigious William E. Ladd Medal from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Denis Browne Gold Medal by

the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons and Rehbein Medal by the European Paediatric Surgeons Association.

I thank Arnie for all his leadership of the Journal over many years. I wish him all the best as he retires from Editor-in-Chief and thank him for all he has done to make Pediatric Surgery International such a fine journal. I am very pleased that Arnie will be staying as a member of the Executive Editorial Board of our journal and continue to provide his expert advice.

It is with great pride that I welcome our new Co-Editor-in-Chief, Professor Agostino Pierro, who is equally energetic and a world leader in pediatric surgery. Agostino is the Head of General and Thoracic Surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children and Robert M Filler Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto, Canada. He was previously the Nuffield Professor of Pediatric Surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, UK. He is an outstanding clinical scientist whose research interests include pathogenesis of necrotizing enterocolitis, physiological responses to minimally invasive surgery in infants and children, regenerative medicine and multicenter clinical trials.

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