Message from the Editor

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Welcome to the first 2022 issue of *Documenta Ophthalmologica* and my first as editor-in-chief. The manuscripts arranged in this issue were guided through the editorial processes by our outgoing editor-in-chief, Pierre Lachapelle, and have been published as ‘online first’; my inaugural task was simply to arrange the line-up for this issue. So, it is my pleasure to introduce the content, which leads off with two major, longitudinal studies employing multiple measures of structure and function over several years. Hanson et al. followed patients with multiple sclerosis; Cvenkel et al. studied patients with stable or progressing glaucoma. These challenging study designs not only uncover variations in the natural history of important chronic diseases but also provide insight into the utility of each testing strategy.

The two following studies address applications of post-hoc processing of multifocal ERGs. Specifically, Heinrich’s study shows a relatively minor impact of digital notch filters while Tzekov’s work cautions that spatial averaging can substantially impact ring ratio

calculations. The issue is rounded out by interesting case reports and letters to the Editor. The latter address monitor technology, an important current concern for those who use clinical electrophysiology of vision.

I am honoured to join the succession of editors of *Documenta Ophthalmologica* (Doc. Ophthalmol). This distinguished journal was established 1938 when manuscripts were published in any of four European languages, and the scope included all topics in ophthalmology and vision science research. In 1985, Doc. Ophthalmol. became ‘our journal’, that is the official journal of ISCEV. Its purpose and scope are now aligned to those of the Society: to promote the understanding and application of clinical electrophysiology of vision.

Our transformative journal has not only acquired a focus but has also evolved to face many challenges of current scientific publication. For example, we face an explosion of new journals competing for quality manuscripts, requirements for broad, efficient access to cutting-edge developments and the need for vigilance against corrupt science in all its forms. Although our scope occupies a narrow niche, our strength is that we are truly authoritative. ISCEV sets the standards for clinical electrophysiology of vision and has a wealth of expert reviewers who are prepared to recognise quality and flaws.

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Thank-you to Pierre Lachapelle for your support and for your eight years of dedication to Doc. Ophthalmol. I look forward to working with the Associate Editors, the Editorial Board and the team at Springer lead by Patrizia Bianchi, Senior Editor and Diana Epstein, Managing Editor.

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