

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Future

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In 2010, *Molecular Imaging and Biology* (MIB) has entered in its ninth year, and with it, the journal has a new Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Raymond Gibson, a scientist, colleague, and friend, recently retired from Merck Sharp & Dohme. An accomplished researcher, Dr. Gibson brings to the editorial board many years of experience in molecular imaging to guide MIB to the future we all dreamed at the time of its foundation in 2002.

In our first editorial (*Mol Imaging Biol* 4:1, 2002), the envisioned path for our journal was initially established. "MIB will be the forum for presentation of the best scientific work. The interests of MIB include basic science areas from molecular imaging probe and assay development to instrumentation design and evaluation"—we said at the time. "Although MIB focus is on *in vivo* studies, integration of the molecular information obtained with different imaging modalities, from single cell environments to whole-body technology in the living subject is our path, by strengthening our commitment to science and by more effectively translating new basic knowledge to patient care." On this course, MIB has become a journal with worldwide recognition, as further evidenced by its designation as the official journal of the World Molecular Imaging Congress, the Academy of

Molecular Imaging, the Society for Molecular Imaging, and the European Society for Molecular Imaging.

Credit for the successful evolution of MIB over the years should primarily go to the many authors who had contributed excellent papers leading to the journal indexing by the National Library of Medicine (Pub Med, 2003) and Impact Factor rating by the Institute of Scientific Information (2004). The distinguished scientists and physicians of the editorial board, many of whom are pioneers and inventors in molecular imaging, as well as leading scientists in their disciplines, have also been instrumental to the journal's success. Special recognition is given to Mrs. Dina Boktor, our managing editor since MIB's inception, who had patiently and diligently interacted with authors, reviewers, and the publisher, always striving for excellence.

Let's welcome Dr. Gibson and provide our support for his success as Editor-in-Chief.

To all, my deep appreciation for an incredible ride.

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