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Ten years ago, the *Journal of Hematopathology* made its debut under the leadership of its founding Editor-in-Chief (EIC), J. Han J. M. van Krieken who retired from that position at the end of 2017. In his editorial in the first issue of the Journal, Han acknowledged that “hematopathology is a rapidly evolving field of pathology in which changes take place all the time. The aim of the new journal is to bring the different developments together in one journal, so that the practicing hematopathologist is able to keep up with a variety of new development in the field” [1]. As Han’s successor as EIC of the Journal, I fully embrace that decade-old aim and intend to build on his successes.

Under Han’s leadership, the Journal developed a strong and international group of hematopathologists with varying interests as associate editors and among its editorial board. I am committed to following his example for having Journal leadership from accomplished hematopathologists whose collective expertise will span the breadth of our integrated morphologic- and laboratory-based subspecialty. Maintaining geographic diversity among its directors will continue to be important for the Journal in order to meet the interests of its worldwide readership.

Over the years, the Journal has published case studies, original research articles, and reviews. Han has been a major contributor of such works to the Journal. In fact, his regular reviews of new developments in the pathology of malignant lymphoma, including one appearing in the last issue of 2017

[2], have been among the most popular and cited papers published in the Journal. We will certainly miss these efforts on his part.

Han’s retirement as EIC of the Journal does not mean he is riding quietly off into the sunset. He will continue to make substantial contributions to the fields of hematopathology and colorectal cancer as Professor of Pathology and as Chair of the Centre for Oncology at Radboud University in Nijmegen, Netherlands. He will also provide significant leadership to his university as Chairman of its Board of Deans and as Rector Magnificus of its Board of Governors.

Han, the Journal and I thank you for all of your efforts in the establishment of the Journal of Hematopathology and wish you the best in your further endeavors.

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Editor-in-Chief

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