EDITORIAL

The End of an Era for *JPHP*

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This new year begins the first in the history of *JPHP* without the participation of a member of the original Terris team. We end this issue with an In Memoriam section featuring two items: the life and contributions of Lillian Terris who died in October 2006 at the age of 92, and Victor Sidel's tribute to Herbert Abrams, one of the original members of the Terris era Editorial Board. Dr. Sidel's piece picks up where Julius Richmond's homage left off in *JPHP* 2006;27:323–326. We were moved to focus on the Abram's China relationship here, when at the Physician's Forum dinner during the 2006 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Sofia Abrams, widow of Herb, recounted the ways in which the Chinese government continued to honor him for his contributions to China over the past 60 years – until the moment of his death in July of this year. As China becomes ever more powerful in the world scene and continues to be home to the world's largest population, it seems fitting to mark the passing of the Terris era with this pair of tributes.

We mark the transition in another way. As part of the transformation of *JPHP* into a journal of global scope, in this issue we merge the Terris era panel of "Corresponding Editors" from countries beyond North America with the Editorial Board – creating a single Editorial Board. We also take this opportunity to offer our special thanks to members of both editorial bodies who have served long and loyally as their terms come to an end. Readers will see a single Editorial Board here in 28:1, and a shorter list of members than in previous issues. Over the coming months we intend to intensify a process we began two years ago, bringing new talent and perspectives to the Editorial Board, from around the world, and most often, from a younger generation.

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