

Editor Message

First, I want to thank my predecessor, Dr. Shahbudin H Rahimtoola, and his editorial board. Over the years, he has done a wonderful job in addressing clinical problems in the field of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) that helped make the Journal relevant for clinicians around the world. Dr. Rahimtoola will not be a very easy act to follow, but I will take on my role with excitement, trying to continue the Journal's tradition that has been developed throughout the years.

I do not propose any immediate changes under my editorship. The Journal will continue to publish high quality clinical reviews in CVD with editorial comments by myself or other members of the editorial board. However, my editorial board and I will continue to evolve in order to take full advantage of the changes in the field of CVD and the new challenges in the diffusion of information. The paper journal remains popular among readers, and it will remain the main output. However, the use of electronic media is now a vital component of dissemination, providing a medium for broader international access to download selected publications, promising discussion and debate.

I want to thank first the support of all of my associate editors, who work hard to review and solicit superb reviews of relevant subjects in the field of CVD and will help with revisions. In addition, I will like to thank our publisher, Elsevier, especially Joan Anuels, Heather Luciano and Prithviraj Kamaraj, who work tirelessly to make sure that the publications are excellent. Lastly, I want to thank to all of the authors for their willingness to write manuscripts and for choosing this Journal as a vehicle to publish their work.

The Journal will continue on a successful path not only by the work of our editorial board but also due to all of the efforts of the many people involved with the Journal. Our future is bright and I will be very open to any ideas that the readership or authorship will have in order to improve *Current Problems in Cardiology* and bring our Journal to an even higher level.

Thank you,

Dr. Hector Ventura

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