Editorial

Farewell and Kudos

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It is with great excitement and anticipation that I assume the role of Editor-in-Chief of Seminars in Interventional Radiology in 2012. It is also with some trepidation and a sense of anxiety that I assume the reins from someone as accomplished as Dr. Brian Funaki, who has led the journal for the past 6 years. During Dr. Funaki's tenure, he brought the journal to new heights: the journal has more subscribers than ever before in its history; it has recently been listed for Pubmed; he initiated the popular "How I Do It" section of the journal; and he has been instrumental in the initial efforts to make the journal more global in scope. In short, it will be difficult to follow in his shoes....

The goals for the journal over the next several years revolve around advancing the journal to new heights. Although already widely recognized as the premier review journal in interventional radiology, there are always new missions to address and objectives to reach. One change that has already occurred is a realignment of the Editorial Board. The new

board is constituted by leaders in the field of interventional radiology in the United States, Europe, and Asia. The board has also been aligned along a service line concept, with board members assuming responsibility for a service line specific to their fields of expertise. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Drs. Gaojung Teng and Michael Lee have assumed the roles as the Asian and European editors, respectively.

In addition to the change in the Editorial Board, the journal is making a dedicated effort to become more global in scope. While the specific changes that the journal will undergo to accomplish this objective are not yet mature, it is agreed at the board level as well as the Thieme home offices that this globalization will be priority one.

It is an exciting time for the journal and its readership. I look forward to being a part of the next several years of growth in the journal, and in helping to advance the field of interventional radiology as a whole.

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