Publisher's Announcement

After 5 years of dedicated service, Dr. Michael Weintraub is retiring as Editor-in-Chief of *Current Therapeutic Research*. Upon acceptance of this position, Dr. Weintraub indicated that he wanted to work with authors, especially from countries other than the United States, to help them publish good research. He has certainly accomplished this goal. His in-depth reviews provide the groundwork necessary to organize good research papers and his requirement that institutional review board approval be published in each article has raised the standards for all manuscripts. We will miss Dr. Weintraub's dedication to the journal and his wonderful sense of humor in responding to our requests that he meet impossible deadlines. We wish him all the best in his retirement as he trains for the senior triathlons he enjoys so much!

Dr. Judd Walson will assume the position of Editor-in-Chief effective January 1, 2005. Dr. Walson has been a member of the Editorial Board and has reviewed manuscripts for *Current Therapeutic Research* for several years. Dr. Walson received his Master of Public Health and Doctor of Medicine degrees from Tufts University with training in pediatrics and internal medicine. He is currently specializing in infectious diseases at the University of Washington International AIDS Research and Training Program. He has been active in research in underdeveloped countries and shares Dr. Weintraub's vision of helping researchers in these countries find publication venues. We look forward to continuing our collaboration.

Current Therapeutic Research was the first journal I worked on when I launched my 19-year career in the journal group of Excerpta Medica. It is therefore with mixed feelings that I announce that I will be retiring as publisher of *Current Therapeutic Research* effective with this issue. My pride in the longevity of the journal is tempered by the sadness of saying goodbye to the outstanding group of individuals who work so diligently to produce the journal. I have been blessed to be supported by an incredibly professional staff that works long hours, most often under extraordinarily tight deadlines. Words can never adequately express my gratitude for their support and friendship. The journal could never have reached its goals without them. Thanks also to the members of the Editorial Board for their willingness to find peer reviewers to ensure scientific quality and for promoting the journal to their colleagues.

I look forward to the continued evolution of *Current Therapeutic Research*. Vicki Donoso, MS, MBA, who has worked in the journal group for almost 10 years, will be stepping in as publisher. Vicki brings with her a background in scientific research and business and, of most use to her, a sense of humor—all of which are needed in the management of a fast-paced journal environment. The journal will continue to grow under Vicki's leadership, and I wish her and the journal's staff all the best. With any luck, I will receive a complimentary subscription so that I may keep up with developments in the world of medicine without having to leave my new home in the shadows of the Colorado mountains.

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