From the Editor

I would like to welcome both new and old readers to *Trends in Amplification*.

This issue represents the first that I have compiled as Editor-in-Chief and also reflects the contributions of the new Editorial Board members. When I was asked to consider the position of Editor for *TIA*, my primary concern was to preserve the best parts of the journal while expanding both the breadth of content and readership. In this regard, it is important to emphasize that *TIA* will continue to remain as the only scientific journal explicitly focused on auditory amplification and hearing aid research. Yet the world of auditory amplification has changed dramatically over the past 15 years, a trend that is reflected in the National Institute of Health's emphasis on translational research as well as the increasing

number of clinician-scientists whose expertise lies at the intersection of basic science and clinical medicine. It is an inescapable fact that science is more clinically relevant today than it has ever been and that clinicians require advanced scientific knowledge if they are to provide the best care for their patients. It is equally the case that the most productive scientific pursuits are those that are informed by the realities of clinical disease and that scientists require a sophisticated understanding of how their work may or may not address pragmatic clinical concerns. It is in the spirit of this era of translational thinking and multidisciplinary collaboration that I would like to lead the journal. I hope that *Trends in Amplification* will serve as a forum for a diverse readership that includes basic scientists, audiologists, surgeons, and clinical researchers.

To do so successfully requires a range of new content of uniformly high quality and targeted review papers by notable figures in the field of auditory research on cutting-edge topics of wide interest. I encourage you, the readers of *Trends in Amplification*, to submit any ideas you might have for invited review papers on any topic germane to the journal's broad mission. I will do my best to maintain the high quality of scholarship that has been the journal's trademark, while expanding its visibility to the scientific and medical community at large. In the present issue, you will find articles that represent a wide collection of viewpoints and approaches that I believe reflects the intended audience for *Trends in Amplification*. Regardless of your particular scientific or clinical niche, I hope you will find the collection of original manuscripts and review papers assembled here to be informative and relevant.

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