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Four years and several months ago..., Tony Rawlings handed me over the IJCS which by that time had acquired the right of citation in Medline and was about to receive its first impact factor. With Majella Lane at my side, we strived to continue the dynamic of its development, the further building of a reputation of scientific integrity, of interesting content and attractiveness for authors, especially in keeping the turnaround times between submission and decision as short as possible. This became more and more difficult as the number of annual submissions went from \approx 160 in 2013 to an estimated 370 in 2016, thus reflecting the increased awareness of our Journal in the international research community. It is said that change keeps us young, and so the time has come for such change for the Journal, to preserve its youthful and dynamic image. It has been a rewarding, stimulating and educational period for me to be at the helm. Majella has agreed (to my relief) to take over the position of Editor-in-Chief, she will be assisted by Dr. Marc Pissavini of Coty-Lancaster and – we hope – soon by a second Associate Editor in order to better share the workload. A reshuffle and enlargement of the Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) will also be necessary.

I wish to thank Majella, the members of the EAB and all reviewers, as well as the staff of Wiley for the help, advice and much voluntary work supplied that made this continuation of a successful international publication possible. I am confident that the future of IJCS is in good hands, especially in times where printed and truly peer-reviewed publications have increasing and sometimes disloyal competition to face in the "new media space" of pseudoscientific journals...

To paraphrase a famous speech:

It is for us all to continue the task remaining before us in order that publication of science, by true scientists, for the benefit of the scientific community, shall not disappear from our shelves.

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It has been a privilege to work with Karl over the last five years. We were a great team and we inherited a very healthy journal thanks to the tireless efforts of Professor Tony Rawlings over many years. I hope I can continue the excellent work of Karl and I am very glad that he has kindly agreed to serve on the EAB and to contribute peer review and articles from time to time. I welcome Dr. Marc Pissavini as our new Associate Editor. The direction of travel for the IJCS is very positive and we will do our utmost to ensure the highest scientific standards are maintained.

Dr. Majella E. Lane