

An Appreciation of Lewis I. Gidez and Joan Reilly, and Welcome to Virginia Bourgeois

Lewis I. Gidez, Ph.D., served as Executive Editor of the *Journal of Lipid Research (JLR)* for almost 31 years until his recent retirement on June 30 of this year. He has guided the Journal with unfailing devotion to the quality of publication. Moreover, his insights into the operation of the *JLR* office and the changing scene of scientific publication have made him the chief advisor to Lipid Research, Inc. (LRI) and a major influence on the continuing success of the *JLR* as a premier forum for publication of original papers in the area of lipids and lipid metabolism. Although we will sorely miss his leadership, we will continue to seek his counsel. On behalf of LRI and the Advisory and Editorial Boards of the *JLR*, we wish him much happiness and good fortune in his future undertakings.

Joan Reilly, the copy editor of *JLR* since September 1979, retired from her long and outstanding service to the Journal on April 30, 2000. For nearly 21 consecutive years Joan has copyedited 4,183 manuscripts, give or take a few, in 236 issues of the Journal through the June 2000 issue (volumes 21 through 41). She has worked with hundreds of authors by helping to improve their papers, and she also became quite expert in lipid and lipoprotein nomenclature and abbreviations. She took great pride in her work, and *JLR* was most fortunate for her service as copy editor. Unquestionably, her work with the journal has contributed immeasurably to its success over the years.

The departure of Lew Gidez and Joan Reilly has resulted in a reorganization of production procedures. The copyediting, which had been Ms. Reilly's primary responsibility, is now being done by Redactory Services at Capital City Press, the printer of *JLR*. To fill the void of the retirement of Lew Gidez, LRI has created the position of Production Editor. Ms. Virginia Bourgeois serves in this capacity. Before joining *JLR*, Ms. Bourgeois worked for 11 years with the publications program of The American Physiological Society, most recently as Journal Supervisor for the *American Journal of Physiology-Cell Physiology*. Prior to her editorial work she earned a Master's degree in Biochemistry from University College, University of London, UK, and was a research chemist for two years at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. We are confident that our authors will enjoy working with her.

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