

EDITORIAL

We are pleased to introduce Arthur Schweiger as a new Associate Editor as well as a number of new members of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Magnetic Resonance*. We thank Warren Warren for his efforts on behalf of the *Journal* as Associate Editor during this past year, especially his handling of manuscripts describing very sophisticated and unconventional magnetic resonance studies, and we plan to continue to take advantage of his expertise as a member of the Editorial Board. I also thank Christian Griesinger, Robert Griffin, Angela Gronenborn, and Kamil Ugurbil, who continue as Associate Editors, for their invaluable scientific advice and editorial recommendations.

Significant changes in the Editorial Board are signaled by the addition of new members as listed on the masthead page. The new members are appointed to three-year terms, and those members who were previously on the Board have graciously accepted additional terms of one, two, or three years, even though many of them have already served extended terms. This will enable the *Journal* to have a regular rotation of the Editorial Board.

While efforts are continually being made to improve the processing of all manuscripts submitted to the *Journal*, we will focus particular attention on expediting the handling of Communications. The principal requirements for a manuscript to receive special handling as a Communication are that it is concise, that it requires minimal or no revision, and that the results should be published rapidly. Justification for a manuscript receiving accelerated handling should be mentioned in the cover letter. Please see the Information for Authors for further details.

Finally, we thank the authors and reviewers of manuscripts submitted during the past year for their support and understanding as we have all undergone the transition to a new Editorial system.

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