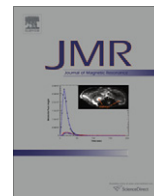




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### Editorial

*Dear Colleagues,*

It has been my privilege to serve as Editor of the Journal of Magnetic Resonance for the past thirteen years. It is now time for someone else to accept the responsibilities and satisfaction of interacting with the magnetic resonance community in this capacity.

Wallace Brey founded the Journal of Magnetic Resonance in 1969 with Academic Press as the publisher. Wallace nurtured the Journal through its inception to a mature, well respected specialist journal. I became Editor in 1997. Over the next few years there were significant changes as email and the web replaced paper, express mail, and filing cabinets, and with Elsevier taking over editorial responsibility. Keeping the Journal on steady course during these transitions was challenging, but the end result is a highly efficient and rapid publication process that I am sure will continue to improve.

The best decision I made was to recruit scientifically accomplished Associate Editors who had the confidence of the magnetic resonance community. They were responsible for much of the improvement in quality of the published articles through their choice of reviewers, critical interpretation of the reviews, and guidance to the authors. I am very grateful to Joe Ackerman, Paul Callaghan, Jack Freed, Lucio Frydman, Christian Griesinger, Bob Griffin, Angela Gronenborn, Arthur Schweiger, Kamil Uzgurbil, and Warren Warren for serving in this capacity. During recent years, Rob van Daalen and Chris Auger at Elsevier ably assisted

us all. In earlier years many highly competent editorial assistants at Academic Press and Elsevier supported us.

The worst decision I made was to reject an article that was perhaps too far ahead of its time to be fully appreciated by our reviewers and Associate Editors. This article was certainly the most widely reviewed and discussed one during my tenure as Editor, and the Associate Editors were split on what to do with it, leaning towards rejection. I wish I took a chance on it, accepting responsibility as the Editor in spite of the reasonable concerns raised by people whose opinions I respected. Since that time we have accepted without controversy a number of similar articles. But I truly regret the conservativeness that led us to miss out on the first one.

The best part of being Editor has been the opportunity to work closely with the magnetic resonance community. It has been a joyful and stimulating experience. I have always been very proud to be a member of this community, and my experience as Editor has only reinforced that feeling.

The Journal will be excellent hands with Lucio Frydman as the new Editor. Behind the scenes he is already off to a great start, and our readers will start to see the fruits of this beginning with the January 2011 issue.

Sincerely,  
Stanley J. Opella