Thrombosis and Haemostasis: An interdisciplinary and translational endeavour

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With this first issue in 2007 we are going into the fifth independent year of Thrombosis and Haemostasis, serving the biomedical research community to publish high-calibre scientific articles in vascular biology and medicine with increasing diversity of covered subjects. After four years protection within a blue-coloured cover, the journal’s eye catcher has been changed into an even smarter layout, in accordance with other journals of our publisher Schattauer. At the turn of the year I would like to particularly thank all interested readers of Thrombosis and Haemostasis for their continuous support (more than 150,000 contacts with T&H in 2006) as well as the many enthusiastic authors for their outstanding papers that have been published in 2006. Among these were an appreciable number of Theme Issue papers in association with the following topics and collected by the respective guest editors: "Signal transduction in inflammation" (Emilio Hirsch), "Treatment of venous thromboembolism" (Jeffrey Weitz), "COX-2 inhibitors and the thrombotic risk" (Karsten Schrör, Artur-Aron Weber) and "Laboratory assessment of haemostatic disorders" (Christine Mannhalter). For the coming year 2007, several Theme Issues are completed or in preparation, including state-of-the-art contributions on "Signalling in endothelial cells" (Bernd Binder), "Chemokines in vascular biology" (Christian Weber), "Haemostasis, vascular biology and infectious agents" (Heiko Herwald), "Thrombophilia and anticoagulant pathways" (Pablo García de Frutos), "Therapy of cardiovascular diseases" (Karlheinz Peter), and "Microcirculation" (Agnes Görlach). We appreciate the dedicated input from all past and future guest editors who organized this publication series which is very well accepted among the readership and which reflects the many facets of research topics within our scientific field.

On behalf of the editorial team, I would like to thank all members of the editorial board for their extraordinary input and support in keeping up the editorial standards in their field of expertise for Thrombosis and Haemostasis. Our special farewell goes to those section editors who terminated their duties at the end of 2006, and we welcome the new members who joined the editorial board to expand our publication responsibilities for the various subspecialties of the field. While the relative portion of basic research articles has steadily increased over the past year, we would also encourage authors to submit their work with a strong translational research contents or solid clinical studies. Furthermore, Thrombosis and Haemostasis continues to especially promote submissions with cross-overs and links to other biomedical topics such as infectious diseases, oncology, cardiovascular research, wound healing or endocrinology. Thus, we further aim to promote the distribution of scientific data that will strengthen our interdisciplinary thinking and that will increase their public awareness and visibility in our Journal. With the introduction of an upgraded version of the online submission and reviewing system in 2006 (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/th), including features for reference linking to PubMed and HTML conversion, a smarter access and smoother usability of the publication tools is possible.

Starting with the New Year 2007, Thrombosis and Haemostasis will serve as official organ of the Working group on Thrombosis of the “European Society of Cardiology” thereby broadening its scope and attracting additional interested readers and potential new authors. Future activities will aim to increase such scientific relations, and we would welcome any suggestions and encourage your feedback.

Finally, my special thanks go to all of our referees, whose professional work is highly appreciated, to the dedicated staff of the editorial office as well as to the publisher Schattauer for support. We hope that a prosperous and peaceful new year has just started that will bring us exiting new discoveries and realization of some great ideas and dreams.

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