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A Fond Farewell

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It is with no small amount of regret that I prepare to step aside as Editor-in-Chief of *Applied Radiology* (AR), and hand the reins of the publication over to my colleague, Erin Simon Schwartz, MD.

Erin is an Associate Professor of Radiology at The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, a Pediatric Neuroradiologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and the Medical Director of the Lurie Family Foundations' Magnetoencephalography Imaging Center, also in Philadelphia. I have known Erin since she was a resident and I was a junior faculty member at the University of Maryland. She was then, and remains today, a dedicated, hardworking, inventive, and all-around gifted individual. I have no doubt she will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to AR; you will hear more from Erin herself in our next issue.

For now, though, it is important for me to let you all know that devoting the past 18 years to the leadership of the journal you hold in your hands—or read on your laptop—has proven to be an especially fruitful and personally rewarding endeavor.

I set many goals for myself from the start, not least of which is that I would ultimately leave AR a better journal than when I took

over the reins in 2001. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone connected with AR, from those at the top of the masthead to those who contribute our all-important content, to achieve that overarching goal.

I must give special thanks to AR's publisher, Kieran Anderson, and its president, Oliver Anderson. Kieran and I work very closely together and have had an excellent rapport. Kieran has many strengths; one of the most important being his abilities to find ways to improve the journal and make it more useful to its readers. Along the way, Oliver's wealth of knowledge and experience in journal publishing has also been a great contributor to our success.

I also owe a debt of gratitude to Executive Editor, Joe Jalkiewicz, and Art Director, Barbara Shopiro, who daily work hand-in-glove to publish every issue of AR. A longtime veteran of medical writing and editing, Joe provides the final editing and polishing of every article. Barbara, who has been with AR for many years and also serves as our production manager, does an amazing job creating imaginative covers and flowing layouts. She is a veritable magician when it comes to fitting material into the journal that comes in at the last second.

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Linda Cohen Mirvis (my wife and truly my better half) deserves more than a hearty share of my thanks. With her background as a college reference librarian, Linda has served as Administrative Editor, keeping meticulous records of our solicitations to potential writers, tracking acceptances, avoiding repeats of recently published topics, and gently (sometimes not so gently) encouraging authors to finish their papers. I have always made sure to be very kind and supportive of Linda; if she were ever to get mad with me and stop doing her job, believe me, the entire operation would grind to a halt. I will continue to behave kindly toward her beyond our involvement with AR. I suppose.

I also want to thank our Editorial Advisory Board. This elite group of radiologic clinicians has generously and selflessly offered of their time and expertise in helping to guide our coverage of the field's major topics and issues.

Finally, I want to offer my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all of the authors who have entrusted their work to *Applied Radiology* during my tenure. My time as Editor-in-Chief has been more fulfilling than I can say, due in no small

part to the opportunity this position has given me to help young radiologists prepare their articles for publication and delight in seeing the fruits of their labor in print, to the profit of their peers around the globe.

Indeed, from the beginning, I sought to dedicate myself to the concept that AR should meet the informational needs of general radiologists; to deliver content—primarily through review articles and case reports—on topics relevant to the everyday practice of medical imaging. Closely aligned with this goal, I worked to make AR a forum for junior radiology faculty. I have always believed that giving these clinicians the opportunity to prepare and publish review articles, under the guidance of senior staff, not only edifies the domestic and international radiologists who read AR, but also helps to open these authors up to the potential rewards of an academic career path within radiology.

My overarching wish is that they, and you, our readers, will continue to enjoy and profit from this journal that, hopefully, I am leaving behind better than when I first joined it.

A fond farewell to you all.

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