

Farewell Message from the Editor-in-Chief

As I reach the end of my term as Editor-In-Chief of *Clinical Microbiology and Infection*, on behalf of the Madrid team and myself, I would like to say goodbye to our readers and authors.

During this period, CMI was offered considerably more scientific material for publication and our rejection rate has been adjusted accordingly. Therefore we have increased the number of pages published. We have produced many monographic issues and supplements that have been welcomed by our readership. Finally, the first Impact Factor for CMI was announced this summer, with a rating of 1.2.

None of this would have been possible without the dedicated and continuous work, which we have carried out to the best of our ability, and which would not have been possible without the contributions and loyalty of our authors and readers.

The Journal now faces new challenges such as, in my opinion, the use of a totally electronic system. Increasing the number of pages will allow

us to accept and publish more quickly the large quantity of good scientific material we will receive.

The appointment of Kevin Towner as Editor of General Issues and Carl Eric Nord as Editor of Supplements is an excellent decision and represents the Society's firm belief in the future of the Journal. According to a recent survey among members, the Journal is one of the most valued assets of our Society.

We should like to conclude by expressing our satisfaction and our gratitude. We thank the Society and the Executive Committee for their faith in us during this period, the authors for their contributions and criticism, and the readers for their encouragement.

The opportunity to serve ESCMID and its members has been an honour and privilege we shall never forget.

Thank you.

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