

## EDITOR'S PAGE



# Be Careful What You Read and the Company You Keep



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*“Be as careful of the books [journals] you read, as of the company you keep, for your habits and character will be as much influenced by the former as the latter.”*

—Edwin Paxton Hood (1820-1885) (1)

I do not know the works of Edwin Paxton Hood nor much about him except whoever populated his biographic page on Wikipedia titles him as an “English nonconformist and author.” Well, regardless of being a conformist or not, the quote sounds like sage advice from a parent or grandparent about the company we should keep. It is quite apropos for today’s thoughts. In a prior Editor’s Page, I mentioned I would spend some time introducing the editorial team who will be with us on the 2.0 journey (2), and the new masthead (front matter pages) in this issue of the journal displays the new group. As suggested then, I think we should enjoy our traveling companions and the journey more than the destination itself, so let me introduce those on the editorial team at *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*.

We have assembled a truly outstanding group of leaders who will provide support and expertise in key areas: deputy editors; associate editors; associate editors for Images in Intervention; statistical and Continuing Medical Education editors; social media editors; senior advising editors; and guest editors. So, in addition to the ever-helpful Heart House staff, this is a team of over 30 editors. All manuscripts are considered by me, and most are assigned to an associate editor for further assessments. Two senior associate editors, Habib Samady and Stephan Windecker, serve as deputy editors. Both Habib and Stephan have long-standing experience with *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions* as they have been associate editors for many years. At those times when I am

unavailable to shepherd our weekly editorial teleconferences or handle the daily inflow of papers, Habib or Stephan will be the acting editor-in-chief. I have also turned to them for council and thoughts as we set the course for our journey.

The associate editors are from around the globe. In addition to Stephan, who is from Switzerland, there is Fernando Alfonso from Spain, Jean-Philippe Collet from France, Takeshi Kimura from Japan, Bon-Kwon Koo from South Korea, Nicolo Piazza from Canada, Murat Tuzcu from the United Arab Emirates, and the others are from the United States (Habib, Dominick Angiolillo, Steve Ellis, Samir Kapadia, Roxana Mehran, Chris White, and Khaled Ziada). So, for some of the associate editors our Tuesday conference calls are quite early (6:00 AM for Chris in New Orleans); others are in the middle of their days (1:00 PM in Central Europe); while for Takeshi and Bon-Kwon, they are (hopefully) winding down their days (8:00 PM local time). The Images in Intervention section of the journal receives a large number of submissions (approximately 700 to 800 per year), so we decided to have 3 associate editors dedicated to this area of the journal. Vasilis Babaliaros focuses mainly on images related to structural heart disease cases; whereas, Marco Valgimigli and Adrian Messerli review image cases in coronary and peripheral vascular disease. These associate editors work with Habib, Stephan, and me to review image cases as needed in Atlanta, Bern, and Lexington, respectively. This is a terrific, fun, and quite experienced group. A quick back-of-the-envelope tally during a page-flip of their curriculum vitae showed me the deputy and associate editors together have over 7,000 publications or roughly 400 on average.

Maybe somewhat different from other journals, I wanted our senior advising editors to serve as a

functional external advisory board. We plan to meet in person with them a couple times a year, review our publication-related statistics, share our upcoming areas of focus, and explain how we plan to bring the readers the best papers we can. What we are looking for from the senior advising editors is a frank assessment of our recent past work and our current plans as well as their candid thoughts on where the journal should consider exploring. Even though there are a number of wise senior statesmen (and stateswomen) in the field of interventional cardiology, it was an easy decision for me to reach out to Antonio Colombo in Italy, David Holmes Jr. here in the United States, and Harvey White in New Zealand. They have each been friends and mentors in a way to me over the past 25 years. I know they will give the associate editors and me clear insight, encouragement, and tough love of criticism if needed. Spencer King is always a phone call away, and we will continue to seek his perspective.

The last important editor group is the guest editors. As above, the associate editors for *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions* are themselves prolific authors. The guest editors, fully separate from the editorial board, handle all manuscripts that have one of the journal's associate editors as an author. As such, the guest editors allow the editor-in-chief and associate editors to remain protected from internal

bias and maintain assurance that only high-quality papers will be accepted by the journal. The guest editors are themselves highly experienced as authors and reviewers and are greatly respected among peers to provide fair and unbiased assessments. Every guest editor we approached quickly accepted the position, further evidencing their commitment to the journal and the field. They, too, are a global group with "Skip" Anderson, Bob Applegate, Eric Bates, John Bittl, John Hirshfeld, and "Chet" Rihal from the United States, Adnan Kastrati from Germany, and Lars Søndergaard from Denmark.

I think we have followed the advice of Edwin Paxton Hood well. You are reading this journal's Editor's Page, though hopefully you are being careful to read the meaty portion of the journal with its excellent new research papers, editorials, state-of-the-art papers, and correspondences. We have chosen a great company of editors to join us on this journey. They are knowledgeable academic travelers from 12 different countries and promise to be good companions. Let's buckle up and enjoy.

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