



About transitions

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Dear Readers,

Mark A. Hurt, the Editor of the Book Review Section of *Dermatology Practical & Conceptual* has decided, after a decade of contributions, that the time has come to him to transition out of his role. Mark was recruited by Bernie Ackerman and started working as Book Review Editor in 2003. During these 10 years, Mark contributed with his vivid and relevant reviews to this journal's content, and his section became a regular part of the journal.

I personally had the chance to work together with Mark during the past five months since starting my editorship in May 2013. During these few and quite challenging months, I felt particularly grateful to Mark for his timely and well-written contributions, which allowed me to concentrate on other issues that needed my attention. In my role as Editor and in the name of the entire Editorial Board and our readers, I want to thank Mark A. Hurt for a decade of his dedication and contributions to the journal. This issue will contain his farewell to our readers and his last review, which I am sure you will enjoy reading, as I did.

All our best to you, Mark!

While we have to say good bye to Mark, I am happy to announce that we can say welcome to François Milette, who accepted to continue Mark's work and will be the new editor of the book review section.

Please let me briefly introduce François here: François graduated from the University of Montreal in medicine in 1986 and in anatomic pathology in 1990. Since then he has worked as general pathologist in Gaspé, Quebec, Canada. In 1994, he went to the St. Luc Hospital of Montreal University. He worked there for four years and progressively developed interest and expertise in dermatopathology, mainly through the close collaboration with a remarkable team of dermatologist and dermatopathologists. Since the year 2000 he has

worked at the Hôpital Pierre-Boucher, Longueuil in Quebec, Canada with a team of dermatologists and pathologists.

From 2005 until the time of his death, François collaborated closely with Dr. Bernard Ackerman. During this time, François was stimulated by the unique character of Bernie Ackerman, increased his expertise in dermatopathology and contributed with scientific works to the former journal, *Dermatopathology: Practical & Conceptual*. I am confident that François will successfully continue the book review section of the journal. François, welcome in the team.

Besides the transitions of Mark and Francois, the journal also underwent its own transition during the past months. Derm101 relaunched in September 2013 with a new look—a clean, modern design; simplified and more intuitive navigation; and robust content. This cosmetic procedure of Derm101 affected the online and PubMed publication process of the July issue, which many of our contributors and readers noticed. For this delay, we sincerely apologize.

Looking forward, we at *Dermatology Practical & Conceptual* are planning to implement a new online submission system for contributors, which will streamline the review process.

Irrespective of these many challenges during the past months, we receive a steadily increasing number of submissions, and I want to thank the contributors for their confidence in us.

This October issue has exciting contents covering the many aspects of clinical morphology, including traditional histopathology, dermoscopy and in vivo reflectance confocal microscopy, but also research on surgical procedures for improving wound healing after excision of non-melanoma skin cancer. I am sure you will enjoy reading its content!

With my best wishes,

IRIS ZALAUDEK

Editor-in-Chief

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