

EDITORIAL

Dear readers

After an 8-year mandate as Editor-in-Chief and 20 in the Editorial Board, I am leaving the Journal. More than thinking about what has been done for the JEI in these years, I have in mind what I wish we would have done better. I prefer just thanking the Italian Society of Endocrinology, who asked me for this appointment providing an unforgettable privilege and honor, all the friends and colleagues I worked with in these years, including all in the staff of the publisher Editrice Kurtis, most of all in the person of Canzio Fusé. I would like to mention the invaluable help of our Editorial Assistant, Mrs. Elisabetta (Betti) Bersezio. She is (and will be with Luigi) the true engine of the Editorial Office. The time we have spent together will always be a treasure of memory.

Again, let me say that I am sure that the new Editor-in-Chief, Luigi Bartalena will be able to do for the JEI the best and much better of what has been done. Not just because of the great personal friendship with Luigi, I do believe that he is the best choice to lead the Editorial Board of this Journal. His enormous knowledge in endocrinology and metabolism, as well as his great editorial experience in this and other journals, coupled with his passionate motivation in institutional appointments and his lovely ability of managing personal relationships will allow progressive increase in the credibility and success of the JEI.

The last thank you is for all of you, dear readers who showed to appreciate this Journal and allowed its progressive increase in the international esteem.



Ezio Ghigo
Past Editor-in-Chief



With this January issue of the Journal of Endocrinological Investigation (JEI) a change takes place in the leadership of the Journal. After an 8-year mandate, Prof. Ezio Ghigo leaves his position as Editor-in-Chief and I have been appointed to replace him. This will be an exceedingly difficult task. During his office, Ezio has done a tremendous job following the footsteps of the previous, outstanding Editors-in-Chief (and two of the founders of the JEI more than 30 years ago), Prof. Aldo Pinchera and Prof. Giovanni Faglia. Ezio has introduced, among the first Editors in Europe, the online submission of papers through ScholarOne, has vitalized the Journal with the introduction of new sections, has taken advantage of his internationally recognized scientific authority to invite eminent scientists to contribute to the Journal. Under his guidance, the JEI has reached for the first time an impact factor >2. I wish to congratulate him on his achievements on behalf of the Italian endocrine community. But, more important, I want to thank him heartfully for his dedication and skill to make delicate decisions. The JEI has gone through difficult moments in the last few years, owing to several reasons, including severe competition from existing and new journals in this

rapidly evolving field. Ezio was very brave to make the JEI ship survive in troubled waters. I have learnt a lot from him over the years, particularly during the last year as Vice Editor-in-Chief. Dear Ezio, I am grateful to you!

I am perfectly aware that it will be tough to continue Ezio Ghigo's work. Even more difficult will be to make the JEI grow further. I will try to speed up processing of submitted manuscripts, guaranteeing a fast and balanced evaluation. The contact with the authors will be closer, and they will receive clear answers quickly. We will try to convince new groups (both basic and clinical) to send their good work to our Journal, thus covering all the fields in endocrinology and metabolism and convincing the authors that the JEI is a valuable and reliable counterpart where to publish their scientific work. The JEI is the official journal of the Italian Society of Endocrinology, the Italian Society of Andrology and Sexual Medicine, the Italian Society of Obesity, the Italian Society of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetology, the Italian Society of Clinical Endocrinologists, and the Italian Association of Thyroidology. However, we receive many papers from all over the world and want to expand this international profile.

For me it is reassuring to know that I will be backed and supported by a valid team led by 8 Editors (Enzo Bonora, Luca Chiovato, Andrea Lenzi, Sandro Loche, Enrico Papini, Renato Pasquali, Alessandro Peri, Felice Petraglia), 9 Associate Editors, and 26 Reviewing Editors. All these friends will work hard to ensure a high-quality standard to the JEI and make you proud of your Journal. The JEI could not survive without the excellent work of our Editorial Assistant, Mrs. Elisabetta Bersezio, and the continued support of Editrice Kurtis. We need contributions, comments, criticisms from our readers to correct mistakes and improve our standard. I count on that.

I began to work for the JEI in 1978, when it was founded. At that time, as a proof-reader, I could not guess that one day I would become its Editor-in-Chief. This appointment is a great honor for me. I will be fully committed to this job.

Luigi Bartalena
Editor-in-Chief