

# EDITORIAL

## Tribute to an editor and managing editor

This issue of the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly* is especially significant in that it marks the changing of the guard. It is the first issue for which the new editor and managing editor have been completely responsible and an appropriate forum for paying tribute to the retiring team.

George Hoffman, M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.Path., joined the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1957 as a special fellow in clinical pathology. His distinguished career encompasses many positions, including chairman of the Foundation's Committee on Research Activities, chairman of the Department of Laboratory Hematology and Blood Banking, and president of the Ohio Society of Pathologists. He is currently a member of the Clinic's Board of Governors, and a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*. George has long been recognized as an excellent teacher and has contributed a number of articles to the world literature. During his tenure as editor of the *Quarterly*, he maintained its high standard of scientific communication, improved the format of the journal, and instituted the publication of significant symposia and special editions with guest editors. George steps down after twelve years as editor because of his recent appointment as chairman of the Division of Laboratory Medicine, and election to the Clinic's Board of Governors. Despite these additional responsibilities, he will continue to serve the journal as a member of the Editorial Board.

Mary Rita Feran, M.S., has had three careers at the Cleveland Clinic: as a laboratory technician, then as chief medical librarian, and, for the past ten years, as managing editor of the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly*. In recognition of her accomplishments in biomedical communications, she was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Medical Writers Association, and was appointed to the associate staff of the Cleveland Clinic. Rita took great pride in the *Quarterly*, and was especially protective of its status as a refereed, indexed journal (*Index Medicus*, *Chemical Abstracts*, *Biological Abstracts*, *Current Contents*, and *Nutritional Abstracts*). One of her great strengths was the ability to communicate effectively with authors, whether staff or fellows, and redact the most difficult manuscripts with tact and skill. Rita retires from the Clinic after 43 years of service, but will undoubtedly continue writing and editing.

George and Rita both fulfilled their responsibilities with great ability and dedication. The staff of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and other readers of the *Quarterly* owe them a debt of gratitude and wish them well.

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