Letter to the Editor-in-Chief

Looking back at the history of the journal

It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since you asked me to write the first article for the very first issue of your new journal, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1984, *Immunohematology*. Each year, you and your staff have managed to produce a prodigious series of journals at a price which was, and still is, affordable to all! The journal has covered a wide range of topics, all practical, timely, and important to the field of immunohematology. In addition, the journal has attracted an editorial board composed of individuals, well known in the field, who have donated their time and expertise in making it a quality peer-reviewed publication. As the needs of blood bank technologists, physicians, and educators have changed to reflect the advances and redesign of transfusion medicine, so has the focus of the journal kept pace over the past 20 years.

*Immunohematology* has come a long way and has become a favorite journal of all blood bankers! It was the first of its kind to provide current and timely articles on practical issues for blood bank serologists and educators. In the beginning, and now, the journal continues to provide wonderful review articles, original scientific studies, unusual serologic cases, and literature reviews.

The straightforward presentations of serologic case studies make it an invaluable resource! The actual serologic characteristics of certain antibodies reported in your journal has made it a convenient resource for blood bank technologists to recognize unusual antibodies. In addition, your willingness to guide and nurture first-time authors has made the journal a great success!

Even after 20 years, *Immunohematology* remains a well-balanced, timeless journal, designed for easy reading, and infused with a richness of tradition! Thank you for a wonderful journal under your leadership! The commitment and dedication of all those who have contributed to this journal have made this publication well acknowledged and admired by everyone in the field. I would like to personally thank you and applaud the journal for its many years of service to the profession.

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