Clinical Laboratory Science Enters New Era

This issue marks the 18th year of publication of *Clinical Laboratory Science (Clin Lab Sci)* and initiates several changes in both the format of *Clin Lab Sci* and the manuscript handling process. There will now be three major sections in *Clin Lab Sci*: Clinical Practice, Research and Reports, and Focus instead of the previous four sections: Clinical Practice, Reports and Reviews, Research, and Focus. In addition, the peer-review process will be converted to a totally electronic process. We believe that this will significantly shorten the time needed to complete reviews as well as simplify the process for authors, reviewers, and editors. These changes are reflected in updated Instructions to Authors and other *Clin Lab Sci* documents that can be found on the ASCLS Website. Please consult these revised instructions before submitting a manuscript to *Clin Lab Sci* for possible publication.

With the beginning of a new journal year, there are also editorial and reviewer contributions and changes to note. First of all, we want to thank Dr Isaac Montoya for his outstanding work as Peer Review Editor for the past three years and welcome Dr David Fowler as the new Research and Reports Editor. We also welcome Dr Jesse Guiles, Dr Daniel Hoefner, Linda Kasper, Robin Krefetz, Dr Carol McCoy, and Dr Isaac Montoya as new members of the *Clin Lab Sci* Review Board.

A heartfelt thank you is due 32 committed Review Board members who contributed their time and expertise to *Clin Lab Sci* by reviewing manuscripts during 2004. On behalf of *Clin Lab Sci* editors, authors, and readers, I want to publicly extend our gratitude to each of the reviewers on the following list for their efforts on behalf of *Clin Lab Sci* during 2004. Their willingness to assist *Clin Lab Sci* editors and prospective authors has greatly improved the quality of the articles published this past year in *Clin Lab Sci*.

The Dialogue and Discussion Section is a forum for editorials, short articles, commentaries, and letters to the editor on clinical laboratory science topics and professional issues of general interest to readers including ASCLS activities and position papers. For more information about submissions to the Dialogue and Discussion section contact: Susan Leclair PhD, Editor-in-Chief, Clinical Laboratory Science Editorial Office, Attn: Dialogue and Discussion, PO Box 5399, Coralville, IA 52241-5399. (319) 351-2922, (319) 351-2927 (fax). cls@ia.net

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