

Journal of the Egyptian Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery:

Quo Vadis?

"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

Isaac Newton

For the past ten years, the Journal has been extraordinarily fortunate in having been directed by two distinguished editors starting with the founding editor, Hassouna Sabaa, and most recently, Mohamed S. El-Fiki, who had guided the journal with great distinction for the past seven years. I am most honored to have been chosen to continue the tradition of these great surgeons as new editor-in-chief starting with this edition of the journal. I will try to uphold the scientific quality by which the journal is recognized. As the field of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery has become even more complex, I have asked two outstanding individuals to assist me in that task.

Yasser Hegazy, my dear friend, who will take on the position of co-editor for all the sections and Ahmed A. Hassouna who will work closely with me at the editorial office, and will take the responsibility of statistics editor. We have the honor as well to have our teacher and professor M. Anwar Balbaa, the founding president of the society as our Ethics editor; this in addition to our associate (section) editors (in alphabetical order): Ahmed A. Deebis, Ibrahim M. Abdel Meguid, Mohamed M. Nasr, Samir A. Hasan, and Samir A. Keshk. Finally, Mohamad A. Othman will be our Website & managing editor. while mr ahmed a kalifa will take the position of the journal secretary.

In addition to these major changes, new appointments will be made to the advisory editorial board.

According to Jim Rohn: *"Discipline is the foundation upon which all success is built. Lack of discipline inevitably leads to failure."*

Many thanks to those who ended their services spe-

cially the outstanding professor M S El Fiki ; Their services were outstanding and we owe to them a great debt for their tireless efforts.

In addition, some changes will be made in the journal itself. With this issue, we inaugurate the new cover with the new logo of the society. The internal changes are designed to improve readability and facilitate access to area of interest. To facilitate movement through an issue, we have added an identified tabs to the table of contents pages that will be set in the same sequence on each page as the journal sections are ordered, thereby rendering each section easily visible as one looks at the outside edge of the closed book or flips casually through the pages.

Starting from this issue, topics of the journal will be : statistical methods immediately after the editorials, original cardiovascular articles , original thoracic articles, The way I do it ?, case reports, cardiothoracic surgical notes (cts notes) , cardiothoracic surgical quiz (CTS Quiz), and lastly readers' corner.

In time, other changes will be forthcoming. In that light, we are most interested in hearing from you, our readers, as to your wishes for the future direction of the journal.

Lastly the editorial staff will be sending to you a questionnaire related to the journal. We hope that you will take the time to respond to this inquiry, as it is important for us to meet your needs as practicing thoracic and cardiovascular surgeons in addition of monitoring the scientific accuracy of the journal.

And as Bill Keane said: *"Yesterday's the past and tomorrow's the future. Today is a gift, which is why they call it the present."*

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