Dear Readers,

It does not happen too often that the Editors write an Editors Comment in the Journal, thus this time there must be a special reason for that. Actually, there are a couple of reasons, which we will describe briefly in the following paragraphs:

- Firstly, we are starting Volume 20 of this Journal, which is a remarkable milestone in the life of a Journal;
- There are several individuals who have contributed in particular in the beginning of the Journal as Editors, and we are very proud to bestow upon them the title of Emeritus-Editor, as you will see listed from now on. These are:
  
  Bob Vogel, MD  
  Andrew Buda, MD  
  G.B. John Mancini, MD

Again, on behalf of the Editors, Kluwer and the readership, thank you very much for your contributions over the many years that you served the Journal.

- The Journal is very much alive and kicking: we are getting more and more submissions, which means also that the quality of the papers is constantly improving as we can be more selective in the approval of manuscripts. Over the last year we have also solicited many more reviewers, so that the reviewing process can be facilitated quite a bit. We accept currently approximately 50% of submitted manuscripts.

- The collaboration with NASCI is going very well, and with the growing membership of NASCI, the Journal grows as well. Our individual subscription rate has increased significantly since NASCI joined forces with us 3 years ago.

- It is also customary to renew the Editorial Board after the Board members have served one or more periods of 3 years, to allow young faculty also to become Board members. It is now the turn of the following Board members to thank them for their contributions to the Journal:
  
  R.O. Bonow, MD  
  A. Distante, MD  
  R.E. Kerber, MD  
  J.J. Maddahi, MD  
  N.C. Nanda, MD  
  G.M. Pohost, MD  
  T. Scholtz, MD  
  A.R. Snider, MD

- It is now the time to welcome and congratulate the following persons to the Editorial Board; the majority of them have served over the past few years already as reviewers for the Journal.
  
  S. Balter, PhD  
  J. Dijkstra, PhD  
  P. de Feyter, MD
What else can you expect from us in the coming year(s)? In response to requests from our readers and the NASCI Board of Directors, we are making the following changes which we hope will improve the Journal: a new layout of the cover of the Journal, another font for the print to make it more in line with other top journals, topical issues on new developments in cardiovascular imaging, an electronic submission and reviewing system, and many other improvements. We will keep you informed as we make these and other changes.

Finally, we welcome any comments from you and of course high quality manuscripts.

With kind regards,