Letter From the JCTS Editor

The Provinces of Science and a Farewell to JCTS

For my last newsletter piece as the Editor-in-Chief of JCTS, I wish to express my deep gratitude for the contributions of so many authors, reviewers, deputy editors, editorial board members, journal staff (especially Tracy Candelaria), publishing partners at Cambridge University Press (especially Jessica Bradley), ACTS publications committee members, as well as ACTS board members and staff. Your collective efforts have allowed JCTS to flourish during a critical period of its development. It is gratifying to hand over JCTS with a record number of new submissions, record number of total submissions, record number of abstract views and article downloads (almost 20,000 total in October), an on-time publishing schedule, and full indexing through PubMed. With this foundation, and a series of exciting themed issues being prepared, the coming years represent an opportunity for JCTS to expand its horizons and elevate its stature in the clinical-translational science community and beyond. I am fully confident this potential will be realized under the new leadership of Dr. Lars Berglund, who is already demonstrating high engagement, enthusiasm, and creativity as he prepares to take the helm.

JCTS is poised to be a key medium through which the field of translational science can be realized in the 21st century. It is exciting to see both this young journal and young scientific field emerging and growing together. The shared goals of transforming foundational discovery to improved health globally will continue to be the “true north” that guides development. This work is vitally important because, as George Steiner said in the context of language, “Without translation, we would be living in provinces bordering on silence.” JCTS has an opportunity to be the Rosetta Stone that allows the many provinces of science to speak to one another in the most dynamic dialogue possible.

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