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Editorial

2010 Year in Review and Farewell: The Editor-In-Chief

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Linderman J. 2010 Year in Review and Farewell: The Editor-In-Chief **JEPonline** 2010;13(6): i-ii. The December issue of **JEPonline** marks the end of my fourth full year as Editor-In-Chief and our 25th edition as a team. The past four years have been very rewarding for me and I am grateful to Dr Tommy Boone, Managing Editor, for the opportunity provided to me back in 2006, as well as his patient support during that time. However, it is time for me to step down and let others provide their direction to **JEPonline**. I am grateful to the dedicated reviewers, without whom we could not have maintained the consistency we have achieved. I am also grateful to the two wonderful Assistants I have been blessed to work with during this time: Barbora Vystejnova and Christina Haley. These two young scholars did an excellent job with correspondence to authors and reviewers and I wish them well in their future endeavors.

JEPonline was founded for the purpose of disseminating exercise physiology research. It has survived and, in my opinion, thrived over the years, but new ideas and direction are needed to not only sustain its present level but to reach new heights. During my tenure we contributed much to the *consistency* and *diversity* of **JEPonline**.

Since Dr. Robert Robergs first issued a call in 2006 for a replacement, we have kept consistency of publication at the forefront of our efforts. To that end **JEPonline** was published every two months for the past 4 years, albeit with some delays. We could not have done this without the timely efforts of the reviewers who serve the journal so well. It is my hope that a new Editor-In-Chief will maintain this level of publication and accomplish some of the goals yet unfulfilled to drive **JEPonline** to new heights.

My personal perspective on the field of exercise physiology is broad in scope, though I echo the concerns that we ultimately improve our understanding of the human condition. However, I see merit in studies ranging from *in vitro* cell work and experimental animal research to

longitudinal and cross-sectional studies of humans. I was pleased to see a wide range of topics presented for publication these past four years utilizing diverse models and technologies. Truly it is great to be in this field in the 21st century with so much knowledge to disseminate and yet to be learned, as well as new and emerging technology to pursue this knowledge.

Though I am often a bit remorse of technology, seeing the decline in the physical component of our activities of daily living, online journals such as **JEPonline** have allowed us to cross geographical borders and expose our readers to research from a diverse number of cultures. This diversity in thought has expanding our understanding in our field specifically, and offered new insights.

Among the most rewarding aspects of the past four years has been the ability to assist young scholars in the publication process. I received many anxious emails relating to potential publication of manuscripts from aspiring academics in the promotion and tenure process. In some cases we aided individuals to achieve their very first publication.

I have very much enjoyed my time at the helm of **JEPonline**, but look forward to seeing the work of others. I can see that my time, effort, and interest have reached a collective asymptote and it is time for new blood. My appreciation goes out to my staff, the fabulous reviewers, the patient authors, and all those who have been supportive during my time. As my email signature now reads: ""Every man has to believe in something - I believe I'll go Fishing" - Henry David Thoreau.

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