



Dear Readers,

This edition of the *International Journal of Eye Banking* once again is pleased to present contributions from the annual Pharma Conference on timely topics which apply to a variety of eye banking endeavors. The Journal continues to seek articles on the many challenges and opportunities which relate to the provision of quality and safe ocular tissues for transplantation as well as clinical outcomes of the use of these tissues.

Today's most prevalent concerns or opportunities appear to be in emerging viruses and innovative technologies, not necessarily viruses in technology, though these too may occur, but with an ever evolving and as yet undetermined viral disease transmission risk. To that end we invite you to examine your screening, testing, and outcomes and to consider the publication of data which will help to define the prevalence of infectious disease transmission in ocular transplantation. It is a risk which is felt to be very low but one which nevertheless will benefit from continual review and awareness.

On the technology front, with new surgical preparations of corneal tissues for improved outcomes, the eye banking community appears to be embracing and meeting these challenges for the benefit of patient recovery and long-term visual restoration. In these and in other areas in the eye banking and transplantation field the *International Journal of Eye Banking* welcomes and encourages your submissions for a rapid online sharing with the all those involved in the profession.

Sincerely,
Ellen Heck
Editor in Chief