



As we begin to long for the cooler weather of fall and the changing bright colors of autumn, it's in that spirit of change I am pleased to introduce my successor as editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Eye Banking, Patricia Dahl. For most of you, Pat needs no introduction as she has been an active professional in both national and international eye banking. Pat has served as chair and past chair of the Eye Bank Association of America and is a Heise award recipient. Pat has served EBAA and the eye banking community on multiple committees and as a resource for the discipline of eye banking throughout her career with the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration in New York.

Over the next couple of editions of the Journal, Pat and I will be working together to continue to build a journal of which you can be proud and one which contributes to your interests and needs in the field of eye banking and corneal transplantation. However, without your support of the Journal and your contributions of manuscripts for publication, neither Pat nor I will be able to sustain and grow a journal of the benefit to those in eye banking and ophthalmology.

Eye banking continues to be an advancing field of service delivery with new technology, regulation, and evolving physician/patient needs. Because of these changes, we all benefit when we share our ideas, discuss our observations and best practices and report our findings in the field of eye banking and corneal transplantation. Today these experiences include the future possibilities of cultured cell implantation, stem cells, three-dimensional printing, marketing concerns in labeling or branding, delivery changes, disease transmission questions and, of course, cost containment as all of healthcare struggles with outcome monitoring of expense in delivery.

Eye banking has continued to deliver quality tissue throughout the changing demands and opportunities presented to it and no doubt will continue to do so, but does so most effectively when information is shared freely. The International Journal of Eye Banking offers you an avenue for this information sharing and welcomes your input and your submissions.

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