A Change of the Guard

This issue marks the close of my tenure as editor of Pediatric Exercise Science, and I will use these final Notes to express my gratitude to all those who have made this journal the success it has become. We set out 24 years ago to launch PES with the goal of creating a publication that would not simply catalogue research information but would serve to promote new thinking and new directions in the field of children and exercise. It is personally gratifying to feel this has been achieved.

The importance of understanding the science of exercise in young people has become increasingly apparent, and the development of this field has been commensurately extraordinary. I feel proud that the journal has been an important part of this growth.

The credit for this success of PES goes to those of you who have been committed to the role of the journal—as authors, as reviewers, as consultants. You have all been part of this collective project which has brought respect and status to the important work that you are doing. It has been particularly gratifying, too, to note that in this process PES has brought together such efforts from all points on the globe.

It is essential to thank particularly Rainer Martens, the president and founder of Human Kinetics (who now is enjoying retirement as a shortstop on a nationally-ranked softball team in Florida). It was Rainer’s vision and initiative that led to the creation of PES, and we should be grateful for his commitment to the field of children and exercise which caused him to support the journal, even in the early lean years.

The PES editorship will now pass on to the able hands of Bareket Falk, whose fresh visions will be a stimulus for continued growth of the journal. I wish her all the personal enjoyment and support from all of you that I’ve experienced as editor.

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