

Although I have been on the editorial staff of the *Canadian Journal of Optometry/Revue Canadienne d'Optométrie* since 1985, this is my first editorial! Thanks to the support of the CAO Board, and especially President Dr. Paul Geneau, this issue of *CJO/RCO* will appear very different from what you, our readers, have seen in the past. For as long as I can remember, I and my predecessors as editor-in-chief, the late Drs. Maurice Belanger and Mitch Samek, have aimed to present both basic science and clinical applications that are relevant to Canadian optometric practice. Academic Editor Dr. Claude Gaisson and I have also tried to show Canadian optometrists what the research community in our two Canadian Schools of Optometry are accomplishing with your support through the Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund. And we have done this in both official languages.

How are we changing the *CJO*RCO*?

- Individual articles will be accessible to search engines, giving our authors more exposure online.
- Abstracts will appear in both English and French to facilitate online searches.
- We are actively soliciting both Canadian and international authors to submit papers outlining the clinical significance of their work and how it can be applied to your practice.
- As outlined by Dr. Geneau in the accompanying article, we have recruited an editorial board whose members are recognized experts in their respective fields. They will help to identify more authors and provide review articles for the Journal.
- Other than the occasional editorial and some practice management pieces, the content will be exclusively scientific papers with a clinical application or significance.

Over the past few months, with the help of Paula Mucci, our new managing editor at Andrew John Publishing, we have been setting up the new production process. We have also been working with graphic designer, Paul Cavanaugh to establish a new layout for the journal consistent with its new focus. The online instructions to authors have been updated, and Claude Gaisson and I will continue to work with our authors through the review of their submissions. The new system should greatly speed up the publication process for our authors.

What do you think of the new *CJO*RCO*? Please send your suggestions and critiques to me at CJO@opto.ca. I look forward to hearing from you.

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