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This issue marks the assumption of Edward A. Fisher as editor in chief of *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology*. Ed has been an associate editor under Mark Taubman, who has put in a productive 4 years as editor in chief but whose recent appointment as dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry and university vice president for health sciences of the University of Rochester Medical Center has made it impossible to juggle the leadership of a medical center and a major journal. When Mark was appointed editor in chief in 2007, he recruited Alain Tedgui as the European editor. Alain in turn appointed an expert group of associate editors, which originally included Francois Cambien, M. John Chapman, Joseph Emmerich, and Ziad Mallat; Chantal Bou-langer was subsequently appointed as well. Ryozo Nagai was recruited as the Asian editor. For the home office in the United States, Mark organized a strong team of associate editors, which in addition to Ed consisted of Nigel Mackman, Joseph Miano, and William Sessa. To this considerable expertise were added Ruth McPherson and Catherine (Lynn) Hedrick, reflecting the expansion in the number and breadth of the manuscripts submitted to *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology* over the past few years. Mark’s enlightened leadership included the editorial independence of each office and its associate editors. He also functioned as an associate editor himself. The associate editors had regular opportunities to consult with each other during weekly meetings and at the conferences of the American Heart Association and Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology to arrive at consensus decisions about a variety of editorial matters. All of the editorial offices (United States, Europe, Asia) have been ably supported by the outstanding staff based in Iowa, which is led by managing editor Melissa L.N. Arey and which includes Connie M. Melsha and Trudie J. Wade.

During Ed’s tenure from 2011 to 2012, the journal’s operations will remain the same, given the success we have had under the present system in publishing increasingly higher quality original research reports and timely reviews organized around diverse topics of current interest to the readership.
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