Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In this letter, I would like to celebrate the second anniversary of the Journal of Geriatric Cardiology (JGC). With the help of all of you, friends and colleagues, readers, editorial consultants, authors and editorial staff, the JGC was able to grow and publish many quality papers from the world.

At first, Dr. Eugene Braunwald of Harvard Medical School wrote the foreword and then after, sent a congratulatory note for the publication of the first issue. Professor Qi Fang of Peking Union Medical College Hospital also wrote an editorial for the first issue. After that, for every 3 months, the JGC published many articles discussing in depth many interesting topics on the geriatric cardiology community such as:

- **Cardiac Interventions in the Elderly** in March 2005, with Dr. Sam Shubrooks from Harvard Medical School as guest editor
- **Arrhythmias in the Elderly** in June 2005 with Dr. Brian Olshansky, Chief of Eletrophysiology of Iowa University as guest editor
- **Cardiovascular and Renal Disease** in September 2005 with Dr. Peter McCullough, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak as guest editor
- **Preventive Cardiology in the Elderly Population** in December 2005 with Dr. Mathew Sorrentino, University of Chicago as guest editor
- **64 Multislice CT Coronary Angiogram for the Elderly Population** in March 2006 with Dr. Sim Kui Hian, of Malaysia as guest editor

Eighty per cent of these articles came from the US and China. However, the JGC was also privileged to receive manuscripts from Europe and Asia (Japan, Vietnam, Singapore, Korea, etc).

To be faithful with the mission of the JGC as a true forum for discussion between east and west, art and science, geriatric cardiology and pediatric cardiology etc, more than 70% of original papers were accompanied by an editorial offering different views from different perspectives. **This is the only cardiology journal in the world which offers space for such forum.**

In this month of September 2005, as we celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the JGC, a series of papers on Heart Cell Therapies are being published. Their main focus is on Myoblast Transplantation. The JGC is privileged to publish the latest update of this leading edge modality of treatment by the pioneers on the field themselves. These articles help to propel the JGC to the forefront of science and medicine.

During the past 2 years, the JGC was indebted by the kind and enthusiastic assistance of the guest editors, Dr. Sam Shubrooks from Harvard Medical School, Dr. Brian Olshansky of Iowa University, Dr. Peter McCullough from Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI, Dr. Mathew Sorrentino from the University of Chicago, Dr. Sim Kui Hian from Sarawak, Malaysia and Dr. Peter Law, Ontario Canada. Without your exceptional dedication, the JGC could never reach this new high on its second birthday.

The editorial team, Dr. Mathew Sorrentino, Dr. Thach Nguyen and I, really appreciate the contagious enthusiasm of Dr. Gianluca Rigatelli, Verona, Italy who sent the highest number of manuscripts for the JGC.

We really appreciate the assistance of editorial reviewers for the past 2 years:

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As we are celebrating the National Holiday of China, we are much happier in the celebration of the second birthday.
of the *Journal of Geriatric Cardiology*, I really appreciate the help of all of you, friends and colleagues and readers. You and us, we are working for a better understandings of the geriatric cardiac problems so these understandings can be translated into better clinical management and subsequently better outcome to our elderly patients.

We hope the *Journal of Geriatric Cardiology* do fulfill our mission as a true forum for discussion and innovation. In the future, our JGC will be better, reach new high. In the December 2006 issue, we will see new concepts, new thinking and new implications in the treatment of heart failure. These works are done with love and passion by John O'Connell, Director of Heart Failure Center of the Northwestern Memorial Medical Center in Chicago. These papers make all of us very proud of our JGC.

As life will never stay the same, humanity never stops to advance, we hope the *Journal of Geriatric Cardiology* will never stop growing, maturing. We hope everybody will enjoy the challenge.

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