EDITOR'S NOTE

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I wanted to use this "Editor's Note" to let you know about an exciting development that has occurred at *Wilderness and Environmental Medicine* (WEM). You may have heard that I have been interested in stepping down from the editor's job and that we had a search process underway earlier this year to find a new editor. This process has been completed, and Robert Norris, MD, has accepted the job. He began as editor of our journal on January 1, 2001.

Dr Norris is an emergency physician and is currently an associate professor and chief of the Division of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University Medical Center. He has been an active contributor and reviewer for the journal, and I have appreciated his valuable input over the years. He is a long-time member of the Wilderness Medical Society (WMS). His particular area of expertise in wilderness medicine is envenomations, in particular snakebites, and he has written and presented extensively on this topic.

Since this is my last issue, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your help with the journal. The Editorial Board, the peer reviewers, the authors, the readership, the editorial staff, the leadership of

WMS, and the publisher have been an extraordinary group with whom to work. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as editor, but feel it is time to have someone else move the journal to the next level. With your help, we have been able to accomplish most of the goals I had in mind when I took the job, including getting the journal indexed in *Index Medicus*/MEDLINE, increasing manuscript flow, establishing a permanent editorial office at the WMS headquarters, and publishing the journal electronically. I appreciated the guidance that I received from Paul Auerbach, MD, founding editor of *WEM*, and I hope that I can be of similar assistance to Dr Norris to produce a seamless transition.

I am grateful to you for your support during my tenure, and I know that Dr Norris is counting on the same. He knows, as I do, that the editorship is just the most visible position within the journal framework. However, the journal is nothing more or less than the sum of its parts, and each of you is one of those parts. Thank you for a very enjoyable and rewarding time as editor of your journal.

William Robinson, MD
Editor