EDITOR'S NOTE

Heartfelt "Thanks!"

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to an individual who has served *Wilderness and Environmental Medicine* faithfully and tirelessly during some very trying times—our Editorial Manager, Jonna Barry. Jonna has been a tremendous stabilizing force for our Journal over the last several years as we have experienced major changes in leadership (including Editor-in-Chief, the WMS Executive Director, and, most recently, the Journal's Managing Editor at Allen Press). Her selfless determination helps keep this Journal alive and growing. So, when you call the office and speak to Jonna, or correspond with her via e-mail or "snail-mail," be sure to let her know how much you appreciate her hard work and dedication to the Society. We are really lucky to have her.

As mentioned, WEM has a new Managing Editor at Allen Press with Mary Lee Norris moving on to new challenges. I want to thank her, as well, for all the time and effort she put forth to the Journal and for helping us reach some major milestones. In addition, I'd like to officially welcome Heather Laskey as our new Managing Editor.

With this issue of the Journal, we begin a new section that was the "brain child" of George Rodway and Bruce Paton—"Dissertation Abstracts." The purpose of this section is to make the wilderness medicine community aware of interesting, but as yet unpublished, postgraduate work done in our field. George will serve as section editor for "Dissertation Abstracts," and he outlines in more detail on page 163 of this issue the goals of the

section and how readers of WEM can access complete dissertations of particular interest to them. Please let me know what you think of the new section, which will run periodically as we accumulate appropriate titles.

I would also like to announce the winners of our first (hopefully) annual WMS photo contest!

1st Place: Gordon Giesbrecht, PhD, "Mt. Resplendent, Alberta, Canada"

2nd Place: Ralph Bovard, MD, "Everest Approach Through Glacial Moraine"

3rd Place: Danielle Norris, "Summer Storm"

4th Place (tie): Henry Randle, MD, "Gator"

Ben Rosner, PhD, "Arches National Park, Utah"

The photos were submitted to the Editorial office, blinded, and then submitted to the Section Editors to choose the finalists (those with potential conflicts abstained from voting).

All of the submissions can be viewed at the WMS website (www.wms.org) and the five top shots will appear in upcoming issues of the Journal in our "Wilderness Images" section. Gordon's winning shot appears in this issue and also will be featured on T-shirts to be available at our summer meeting in Snowmass. Thanks to all of those who submitted photos and congratulations to our winners! Now's the time to get out there and look for those awe-inspiring shots for next year's contest!

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Editor