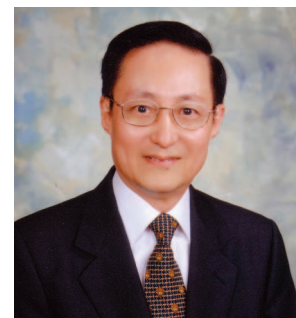




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We have had some recent unexpected difficulties in publishing *International Surgery*. We therefore thank those authors, who have submitted manuscripts, for their patience and loyalty to *International Surgery* by waiting for the difficulties to be resolved. We also thank the readers of *International Surgery*, who rely on quality research reports.

Difficulties are sometimes encountered in life and in organizational endeavors. We are emerging from these difficulties stronger and more focused on the mission of *International Surgery*.

Our purpose and our strategic direction remain the same. Our commitment is for *International Surgery* to continue to be one of the very best

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With the publication of this issue 100 (9–10), we now promptly proceed with the remaining late issues, such that publishing will be on schedule in the third calendar quarter, 2016.

I welcome any questions or comments that you may have. I remain dedicated to serving all of you in the very best manner possible.

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