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Dear Member:

I am writing on behalf of the CTS Board of Directors to update you on changes related to the Canadian Respiratory Journal and to provide news of an exciting new development for the CTS in an already busy year of transition and change.

The Canadian Respiratory Journal (CRJ) has been the official (and only) journal of the CTS since 1993 with the first issue published by Pulsus Group Inc. in March 1994. We have been well served since that time by our dedicated Editorial Boards and Editors-in Chief, Norman L. Jones (1993-2001), Nick Antonisen (2001-2011) and most recently by Peter Paré under whose leadership the CRJ has grown in scope and impact factor.

The publisher of the Canadian Respiratory Journal, Pulsus Group Inc., has sold the journal to another publisher. While the CTS was provided with an opportunity to purchase the Journal, it did not have the financial capacity to entertain the purchase as a serious option. Therefore, as of January 1, 2016 the Canadian Respiratory Journal will no longer be the official journal of the CTS.

With the sale of the Canadian Respiratory Journal to Hindawi (www.hindawi.com), the November/December issue marks the end of the era. The new owners of the Canadian Respiratory Journal will publish the Canadian Respiratory Journal as an open access online journal; the journal will not be affiliated with the Canadian Thoracic Society.

In addition to thanking Peter again for his important contribution to the CTS through the CRJ, I would like to thank the members of the Editorial Board and Associate Editors for their dedication and high standards of excellence over the years. We also received tremendous support from industry partners through their support to the CRJ through advertising, even during economic downturns. We have also enjoyed a positive business relationship with Pulsus Group Inc., and their professional staff. Most notably I would like to acknowledge Vice President Ann Leblanc and Managing Editor Brian Vukusic for their valued partnership and collaboration over the years.

Now we turn the page...CTS has recently engaged a publishing consultant and established a reference group to guide the process to establish a new CTS journal for spring 2016. One of the first steps to a new journal will be to find an appropriate name. We are very grateful that Peter Paré has agreed to contribute to this group and shape the future of the new journal. We will also invite the societies that have collaborated in the CRJ in recent years (Canadian Critical Care Society and the Canadian Sleep Society) to join us in this exciting new initiative.

On behalf of the CTS Board of Directors, I would like to thank CTS and CRHP members and the respiratory research community for making the CRJ the success it has been to date and trust that you will continue to support your society's future journal. Thank you for your patience over the next few months while we find a new way to continue this important member benefit and valuable contribution to the respiratory medicine in Canada. We will keep you posted on developments as they unfold in the New Year!

Sincerely,



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