

## EDITOR'S CORNER

### Welcome and Farewell

Dear Readers of the *Journal of Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology (JRMAM)*:

It is my great pleasure to have had you as readers, subscribers, authors, reviewers, supporters, critics and loyal friends since 1992.

I started the *JRMAM* in 1992 because I felt a need in microbiology to have a journal dedicated to publishing papers related to rapid methods, because many great methods are “buried” within some excellent specialized disciplines, and most people will not know about them.

In 1991, Dr. Thomas Montville of Rutgers University, editor of *Journal of Food Safety*, invited me to edit an issue (Vol. 11, issue no. 3) in his journal named *Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology*. The publisher liked the project and so, the *Journal of Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology* was born in January 1992. I appointed Dr. Millicent E. Goldschmidt, an outstanding medical and instrumental microbiologist at the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, University of Texas, as the Associate Editor of the journal since the beginning.

How time flies. Here we are in 2007 and publishing *JRMAM* Vol. 15, issue no. 4. Through the years, I have had many wonderful memories of great papers and interactions with colleagues around the world. I particularly like the Editor's Corner where I have chances to express my opinions on things and even to transmit events to the readers in times of joy and sorrow. After 15 long and lovely years, it is time to pass the torch to a new Editor to carry on the spirit of the *JRMAM*.

Dr. Dong-Hyun Kang, current Assistant Editor of *JRMAM*, is a brilliant and award-winning associate professor at Washington State University (WSU). He is my 64th graduate student and the 20th PhD student. He literally captured my passion of innovation and method developments the minute he arrived at Kansas State University in 1994. He blossomed into an influential microbiologist nationally and internationally and has published many papers in many journals. He also has been a guest reviewer and editorial board member of many world class microbiology journals. His research program at WSU is growing by leaps and bounds and will continue to do so in years to come. I am sure he will carry *JRMAM* to a higher level of excellence.

One of the proudest moments of my long career was to be on the same stage with Dr. Kang at the Institute of Food Technologists 2006 Award ceremony where he won the prestigious Samuel Cate Prescott Award for being an

outstanding young researcher and I won the Carl R. Fellers Award for service to food science. There we were former student and old professor, side by side beaming with pride and joy in being recognized for our professional achievements.

Best wishes, Dr. Kang for the next 15 years!

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Editor, 1992–2007