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The Journal has undergone several changes during its years of growth but has continued to serve as a repository for reports on current disasters worldwide and to foster research in disaster medicine. It has also striven to improve emergency medical services and disaster relief actions through selected case discussions along with critiques of clinical and organizational management.

I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Peter Safar, the founding editor of the Journal, and the members of the Editorial Board who have labored unselfishly through some difficult times to maintain the high standards of the Journal. As the new editor of the Journal, I welcome any comments to help improve the Journal and will strive to continue the quality of the Journal.

The Journal will be published on a quarterly basis and will present peer reviewed articles which report on current disasters worldwide in an attempt to improve emergency medical services and disaster relief.

I look forward to a bright future for the Journal!

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