Welcome from Norman Fry and Kalai Mathee, new co-Editors-in-Chief for the *Journal of Medical Microbiology*

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It is a great honour and pleasure for both of us to take on the role of co-Editors-in-Chief for the *Journal of Medical Microbiology*. We are deeply indebted to the outgoing Editor-in-Chief, Professor Peter Borriello, for his strong leadership and guidance throughout his term. We intend to do our utmost to both preserve and grow his legacy. Whilst we recognize that co-editorship spanning two continents is breaking new ground for *Journal of Medical Microbiology*, we believe that it is also an acknowledgement of the increasingly international nature of the journal.

We both became Section Editors in 2015, when the Editorial Board restructured under Professor Borriello’s leadership (see http://jmm.microbiologyresearch.org/content/_new_section_editors_and_subject_categories). This provided an opportunity for both of us to work more closely with Pete, the *Journal of Medical Microbiology* Editorial Board and the Editorial Office. In addition, we have both recognized our own commitment to the journal, and indeed our own strengths and weaknesses. The prospect of filling Pete’s shoes is daunting; however, together we fully intend to provide our best service in order to further develop the journal.

We are aware that in the age of social media and instant comments some question the continued need for ‘traditional’ scientific journals. However, it is our firm view that publication in an established peer-reviewed journal is still something worthy of recognition, and that it provides assurance that both scientific rigour and quality have been applied.

We are also strongly committed to the ethos of the Microbiology Society as a not-for-profit organization, which means in practice that the Society invests any publishing surplus in activities that promote and support microbiology.

We are excited about this new phase of the journal’s life, and together with our Editorial Board and journal staff, look forward to serving you, our readers and contributors.