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## President's Message

BY MARC JESCHKE, M.D., PH.D., FACS, FCCM, FRCS(C)



After more than 25 years, founding editor of **SHOCK**, Irshad Chaudry will retire from the editorship effective October 1, 2020. After many years of using a pre-existing journal (Circulatory Shock) as its "official" journal, at the 1993 Annual Conference on Shock, Council voted to establish its own Journal. Dr. Chaudry was enthusiastically chosen to serve as the founding editor and lead the development of the new journal. In 2002, the Shock Society bought out the ownership of **SHOCK** and under Dr. Chaudry's leadership, **SHOCK** was transformed from a journal with an impact factor just above 2 to a growth in the impact factor to its current level consistently hovering around 3 even while increasing the number of articles published annually by over 60%. **SHOCK** has become the official journal of multiple shock societies worldwide and now serves as a preeminent vehicle for communication of both clinical and basic science research related to Injury, Inflammation, and Sepsis. Under Dr. Chaudry's leadership, **SHOCK** has published over 5,000 articles spanning almost 37,000 pages. Authors and Editorial Board members alike have come to know Dr. Chaudry as a demanding but extremely fair editor and outstanding editorial office manager. The quality of the Journal reflect these traits. The Shock Society owes Dr. Chaudry a very deep debt of gratitude for his role in creating and building **SHOCK** into the outstanding journal that it is today.

Please welcome Dr. Mark Clemens who was elected by the Executive Council of the Shock Society to assume the role of Interim Editor in Chief Oct 1, 2020. A member of the Shock Society since 1981, Mark was serving as Publications Chair when the Shock Society established its new official journal **SHOCK** 1994. He has served as an Associate Editor since the founding of the journal and was senior author on the first research article to appear in **SHOCK** (Chun, et al Shock 1(1): 3-9, 1994; cited 98 times). Dr. Clemens is Professor of Biological Sciences at Univer-

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## Transition in the SHOCK editorial office continued

sity of North Carolina at Charlotte. He will serve as interim Editor in Chief until a new Editor in Chief is appointed by the Shock Society in mid-2021.

### ***Comments from the Interim Editor in Chief.***

It is an honor and a privilege to assume the role of Interim Editor in Chief of **SHOCK**, but also a challenge to try to fill the shoes of Irshad Chaudry who has led **SHOCK** so successfully for 26 years. As Interim Editor in Chief, I see my task as primarily one of sustaining the level of excellence the journal now enjoys. As such, I do not intend to make any major changes in the journal. However, there are a few initiatives that have arisen from the subcommittee on journal enhancement as part of the Strategic Planning initiative led by President Marc

Jeschke that I would like to enact during this year. The first is the introduction of Graphical Abstracts. These will provide succinct visual communication of the key points of published papers in a format that is easily shared via social media such as Twitter. The second is the initiation of “Special Topic” issues. These would be clusters of manuscripts on a focused and timely topic anchored by a review article accompanied by 2-4 original research articles on that topic. I will be sending a request for proposals to act as guest editor for such issues in the near future. I will also continue the process that Dr. Chaudry started in working with the publisher to shorten the time between final acceptance until online publication (publish ahead of print) of the accepted manuscript to less than one week.

# News from Shock

## Shock Society Logo

We are conducting an evaluation on our logo and your input is important. [CLICK HERE](#) to review the choices and read about their symbolism. This vote is open until noon ET on Wednesday, September 30th. If you are a current- **full** or **emeritus** member and have not received an email with an invitation to vote, please contact Shock's Executive Director, Serena G. Weisman, at [sweisman@shocksociety.org](mailto:sweisman@shocksociety.org).

## Shock Society Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, September 29 from 11:00 am–Noon ET

The board will be providing society updates and information on our 2021 conference. More importantly, we will be featuring Dr. Irshad Chaudry and his role and experience with the Shock Society and the journal **SHOCK**. Don't miss out on the chance to hear the history of the journal through the perspective of the current Editor-in-Chief, who is also one of Shock's founding members. We hope to see there!

[Register Here](#)

## 2020 Awards Announcement

COVID19 may have kept us from meeting in person this year; however it did not keep us from doing what we all do best – recognizing and disseminating new knowledge in trauma, shock, and sepsis. Please help congratulate all the 2020 Shock Society Award Winners. [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of awardees.

Also in 2020, Dr. Melanie Scott, of The University of Pittsburgh, was named awardee of the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and Dr. Ping Wang, of The Feinstein Institute for

Medical Research, the Scientific Achievement Award (SAA). Know someone that deserves one of these prestigious awards, that has made significant contributions to the broad field of shock research ([SAA qualifications](#)) or who has shown sustained commitment to the betterment of the Society ([DSA qualifications](#)) – then nominate them NOW! It's easy; first review the qualifications, by utilizing the prior links, then contact Dr. Meihong Deng at [dengm@upmc.edu](mailto:dengm@upmc.edu), with the required information. Deadline for nominations is January 1st, 2021.



Stay tuned for more virtual learning and sharing opportunities: journal article reviews, speaker sessions, mentoring exercises, and member choices. Check your email and follow us on our social media platforms to stay informed. If you have suggestions on a topic, speaker, and/or article you would like to hear more about, please contact your Executive Director, Serena G. Weisman at [sweisman@shocksociety.org](mailto:sweisman@shocksociety.org).

## Past Webinars Recap

**BY DR. VANESSA NOMELLINI, MD, PHD**

The Shock Society's virtual panel session, "Battles and Successes in the Beginning of My Career: Tackling the K award" was an excellent overview of what it takes to secure K funding from early-stage investigators. Panelists included Dr. Vanessa Nomellini, MD, PhD, from the University of Cincinnati; Dr. Jon Simmons, MD, from the University of South Alabama School of Medicine; Dr. Lucy Kornblith, MD, from the University of California, San Francisco; and moderation from Dr. Juan Pablo Idrovo, MD, PhD, from the University of Colorado, each who currently have K awards.

Dr. Nomellini first discussed the factors that led to her successfully obtaining a K award, which included a great deal of upper level support, learning how to protect her own time, and consulting with the program officer at the NIH. Dr. Simmons, as the first K awardee at his institution, then discussed how he was able to obtain a K08 at a small institution, which included a strong mentorship team, compelling preliminary data, and excellent letters of support. Finally, Dr. Kornblith discussed strategies to obtain additional funding while having a K award, such as knowing and following the NIH rules, identifying specific grants intended for K awardees, and scouring societal and internal funding opportunities while making sure to check the fine print. The session was well attended and was a great resource for other Shock Society Members.

**BY LAURIE KILPATRICK, PHD  
SHOCK SOCIETY, PRESIDENT-ELECT**

On June 8th, the Shock Society hosted a webinar and panel discussion entitled "Views from the NIGMS (National Institute of General Medical Sciences), Including the Sepsis Research Priorities. We had a great turnout with close to 100 registrants for the session. Our three speakers from NIGMS were Dr. Rochelle Long, the Director of the NIGMS Division of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry, Dr. Sarah Dunsmore, Program Director (sepsis and adaptive immunity), and Dr. Xiaoli Zhao, Program Director (Inflammation and Innate Immunity, and Injury and Critical Illness.) Dr. Long presented an overview of the Recommendations of the Working Group on Sepsis that was convened by NIGMS, and the new priorities for sepsis research. She also described the different types of funding available from NIGMS covering individual and team grants. Additionally, Dr. Long discussed the importance of diversity in scientific research and highlighted a number of the initiatives to enhance diversity of the NIH-funded workforce. Dr. Dunsmore gave more details on the limitations and challenges facing sepsis researchers and the decision by NIGMS to invest in sepsis research in more strategic ways. Dr. Zhao focused her remarks on career development for early stage investigators including K awards and MIRAs (Maximizing Investigators' Research Award). She also described resources available for early stage investigators. A panel discussion followed with questions submitted from the audience.

If you were not able to attend these informative webinars, [CLICK HERE](#) to view them now or go to <https://www.shocksociety.org> to view under the education tab any time.

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