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## Preface

This is the 10th edition the *Yearbook of Pediatric Endocrinology* and while we can speak about those 10 years with some pride, we mostly think of the decade ahead. Since its initiation, the international standing of the *Yearbook* has increased mostly due to the team of Associate Editors, all internationally-renowned researchers. Over the next 10 years, we intend to encourage even broader coverage of emerging topics of interest, while the current balance of basic science, translational, and clinical research that is unique to the *Yearbook* will be continued. The rapid pace of scientific and clinical advances in pediatric endocrinology shows no sign of abating and the next 10 years should prove as exciting as the last. We look forward to playing a major role in the dissemination of new discoveries and the discussion of controversies and topical issues.

This was another inspiring year (June 2012 to May 2013) for publications. Among other reports, new treatments were described for obesity, hyperlipidemia, hypercalcemia, and Cushing's disease. New genes were identified for type 1 diabetes, obesity, Kallmann syndrome, central hypothyroidism, glucocorticoid deficiency, osteogenesis imperfecta and hypercalcemia. New mechanisms include a viral pathogenesis of obesity, the role of oxytocin in feeding behavior, the epigenetic regulation of puberty, a new component/hormone and its receptor in the renin-angiotensin system, and the evolution of maternal-fetal immune tolerance. New, or promising, clinical investigation tools were described for (cyclical) Cushing's syndrome, and antenatal and neonatal genetic diagnosis. We welcome Christopher Kelnar and his team, who have continued the high standard of the Evidence-Based Medicine chapter.

While considering our future, our history deserves to be remembered: 100 years ago, Dr. Hakaru Hashimoto recognized a new disease, now called autoimmune thyroid disorder (AITD) [1]. Even if you do not read the entire original manuscript, be impressed by the 30 pages of detailed histological descriptions of biopsies and a thorough interpretation and discussion, which was recently reviewed [2].

The support we receive from Pfizer Ltd and the professionalism of the Karger publishing team continue to underpin the progress of the *Yearbook* and we look forward to working with them for the next 10 years.

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