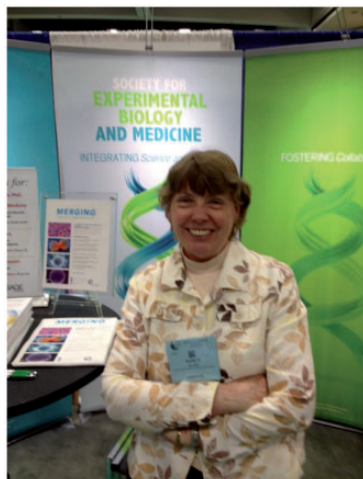


Farewell and welcome

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It is my bittersweet task to announce to the EBM community that my long term Assistant to the Editor-in-Chief, Nancy Blake, has retired. Nancy joined the SEBM and EBM staff on October 12, 1982. She has given 36 years of dedicated service to the society and journal. Since July 1, 2006 Nancy has focused entirely on our rapidly expanding journal and has worked tirelessly in assisting authors, reviewers, Associate Editors, and myself.

During the past 10 plus years the journal has expanded from 7 to 17 research categories; over 130 new Associate Editors and Editorial Board members have been named; we changed publishers twice; named International Editors in England and Taiwan and a Director of a China Outreach Office in Chengdu. The journal has flourished and the number of submissions has almost quadrupled during this 10-year period. This required Nancy to handle a much larger workload. She did this seamlessly and professionally and in so doing helped everyone reading this notice. Nancy was the behind the scenes hero of EBM's phenomenal growth. Nancy Blake is retiring to spend more time with her family. We wish her the best as she enters the next phase of her life and I am thankful for her enormous contributions to our journal and society.



As one door closes another opens. We welcome Dr. Danna Zimmer as the new EBM Assistant to the Editor-in-chief. Danna is also beginning a new phase in her professional life. Dr. Zimmer has retired as an Academic researcher. Her most recent position was Section Leader, In Vivo Biology & Drug Testing, within the Center for Biomolecular Therapeutics and Associate Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Zimmer's research interests have been drug discovery and development, and Alzheimer's disease and melanoma. She held previous faculty positions at the University of South Alabama Medical School and Texas A&M University.

I have known Dr. Zimmer for almost 30 years, having first met during our years in Mobile Alabama, and have complete confidence that she will excel in her new role at EBM. Danna is very familiar with our journal having served on the EBM Editorial Board since July, 2009 in the Cell and Developmental Biology category.

We all welcome Danna in her new role at EBM. With Danna's help we will continue the steady growth of our journal.

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Editor-in-Chief