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First and foremost it is with deep regret but heartfelt thanks that we say goodbye to Dr. Manjit S. Kang, who guided the *Communications in Biometry and Crop Science* as Editor-in-Chief for the first 18 months. After a 30-year academic career in the USA, Dr. Kang decided to return to his native India to serve his Alma Mater, Punjab Agricultural University, as Vice Chancellor. Because of the demands on his time in this new position Dr. Kang felt that it would be in the best interest of CBCS that someone else take over as Editor-in-Chief. On behalf of the entire Editorial Board I wish him well in his new endeavor.

At the beginning of my tenure as Editor-in-Chief I wish to thank the Editors and Associate Editors for their commitment to CBCS. A special thanks to the folks listed in the Secretary section. They do much of the grunt work such as editing for language and style. Contributors to CBCS come from around the globe and more often than not, English is not their native tongue. This makes language editing all the more important. Finally, I wish to thank our Managing Editors Marcin Kozak and Dariusz Gozdowski for their excellent work. They keep all of us on the Editorial Board on the straight and narrow by tirelessly managing the flow of manuscript into the appropriate channels. Dariusz is also responsible for the layout and actual publication.

The vision for this journal remains what it has been, to become a leading peer-reviewed journal for crop scientists and biometricians and a valuable source of useful information for the extension specialist and the practitioner. The CBCS will continue to be committed to publishing high quality articles rapidly. As contributors and readers of this journal bear in mind that we are in a phase of transition. I realize that not everything is working as smoothly as we envisioned it. This journal truly is a work in progress.

Lastly, we will launch a new imitative aimed to ease the pain of data analysis for the practitioner by publishing applied data analysis techniques articles in a section called "Practical Data Analysis". These articles will be very applied in nature and combine the actual code for software packages with a dataset that can be used to understand the problem and the solution. Initially we will limit ourselves to code written either in R or SAS but other software packages may be added as we identify associate editors with the appropriate expertise. Detailed instructions and a model article will appear in the first issue of Volume 3. If you have an idea for such an article, please let us know.

I am looking forward to our joint adventure.