It is axiomatic that a publisher should be neither seen nor heard. Rather, he (or she) should speak through the authors he publishes. While agreeing with this view, I will depart from it just this once to offer a personal reflection about the Guest Editor of these issues, Dr. Edward D. Frohlich.

Ed Frohlich's contributions to our knowledge about hypertension are too well known to require any further word from me. What I most remember about my almost 30 year association with Ed—he was the first author I approached when I started in medical publishing—was his friendliness to a newcomer; his willingness to listen to new ideas; and his excitement about sharing his profound knowledge about the current state of the art in hypertension. Much has happened to us both over the years, but Ed Frohlich has never lost those sterling qualities that made him special to this publisher’s editor. And that is why it is a special, personal pleasure to add this foreword to these issues of Medical Clinics of North America.

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