

## **Editorial**

For the last 8 years, Dr. Paul E. Nachtigall was Editor of *Aquatic Mammals*. He established this journal as an excellent avenue for disseminating information about research on aquatic and marine mammals. He initiated a rigorous peer-review process for manuscripts that set a very high standard for articles in the journal. He advanced the quality of the journal and diversity of articles through careful review, editing, and inclusion of articles that cover a variety of topics on marine mammal science. Of special importance, was his support for and inclusion of articles by Russian scientists, making their excellent research available to the English speaking world. Initially, *Aquatic Mammals* published articles on studies of captive marine mammals or research related to veterinary medicine. The journal still serves a unique role in publishing articles on these topics, but now also includes a variety of field studies on marine mammals throughout the world. On behalf of the marine mammal community, I thank Dr. Nachtigall for his hard work, meticulous editing, financial management, and dedication to advancing science through publication of *Aquatic Mammals*.

Jeanette A. Thomas, Editor.