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From the Editor

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This is the last issue of the *Journal of Rural Cooperation* that I am editing. Dr. Ayal Kimhi from the Faculty of Agriculture of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is replacing me as editor, beginning with Vol. 34/2006. I want to welcome him very warmly to the editor's desk and wish him all the best in continuing the publication of this important co-operative periodical.*

A glance back over the many years that I have edited the JRC brings to mind significant changes that have taken place in both theory and practice of cooperatives, particularly in rural areas. Reference to some of them can be found in my overview in this issue.

A great debt of gratitude is owed to all those who have contributed articles, research reports and book reviews to the JRC in the course of the years. Our continuing collaboration has been characterized by a strong element of reciprocity binding the Journal and those who made its publication possible. Of course, those who have contributed have been the major partners while the editorial input has been only of auxiliary help. I hope that all have a feeling of satisfaction as we complete 33 volumes and continue with a new editor to the 34th volume.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to Daphna Bar-Nes, who has participated and helped in the laborious enterprise of editing the Journal for more than twenty years.

Yair Levi

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