

From the Publisher**CHANGE IN *HUMAN TECHNOLOGY*'S PUBLISHER:
CONTINUED FOCUS ON OPEN ACCESS HUMAN-
TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH**

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The *Human Technology* journal will begin a new chapter in its publishing life on January 1, 2017. On that date, the responsibility for publishing the journal will transfer to the new Open Science Center at the University of Jyväskylä, an organization currently in development in which one division will oversee the ongoing support of open access publishing at the university. This change is necessitated by the university's decision to close the Agora Center, the interdisciplinary research unit that initiated and supported the journal from its inception. Despite the Agora Center's focus on the phenomena in contemporary society where humans were impacted or facilitated by technology, its international networks of like-minded colleagues, and its commitment to quality interdisciplinary research, the research unit has been deemed unnecessary in the new university structure. As the university's rector indicated in his public announcement in April 2016, it is his belief that this research should be part of the mission of every faculty of the university, and thus the university as a whole.

The rector also indicated that the international, open access journal *Human Technology* was valuable not only to the university but to the scientific community. We are pleased that the current editor in chief, Dr. Pertti Hurme, has agreed to extend his editorship until we bring in a new editor in chief next year. Our long-serving managing editor, Barbara Crawford, M.A., also will continue with the journal. Our international editorial board also will remain active in their work in advancing the mission of the journal.

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We do not anticipate that the daily operations of the journal will be affected, and, we hope, will be improved by the journal's inclusion in the publications area of the Open Science Center. We are currently negotiating with the administration of the Open Science Center to establish an interdisciplinary publisher's board to maintain and enhance the scientific expertise so essential for a growing journal. We are confident that this will be achieved and the journal can continue to reach new audiences as authors and readers and to continue to advance research in this essential field of human–technology.

At this time, I would like to publically acknowledge the long-term expertise and guidance of Dr. Päivi Fadjukoff, currently the director of planning and development for the Agora Center, who has wisely and graciously overseen the role of the publisher in these last 13 years of our journal's publication life. She worked with Dr. Pertti Saariluoma, the founding editor in chief of *Human Technology*, and Barbara Crawford and Terhi Pennanen, as co-managing editors in the early years, in overseeing all of the tasks needed to position and launch this journal. Part of our need for an interdisciplinary publisher's board is to recreate the networks, subject knowledge, and thoughtful oversight that Päivi has provided over the years. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

Regardless of the change of publishers of *Human Technology*, we have every confidence in the continued growth of our journal and the contributions it makes to the scientific world. Our mission of publishing quality research exploring the intersection of humans and technology remains firm. And we look forward to continually seeking and publishing interesting research submitted to our journal through open submissions or thematic issues—and serving as dissemination partners for funded projects in the human–technology fields.

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