Dear Members of the *C. elegans* Community,

A little over twelve years ago several of us starting talking about the possibility of having an online review of *C. elegans* that would replace the outdated Cold Spring Harbor monographs (*The Nematode Caenorhabditis elegans* and *C.elegans II*).  These discussions led to the establishment of *WormBook*, and I became its Editor-in-Chief.  Now after shepherding over 150 articles into WormBook and reestablishing *The Worm Breeders Gazette* I feel that we have created a wonderful resource.  But I have found that my time has been taken up by so many other commitments recently that I no longer feel able to put the effort into *WormBook* that I believe it deserves (also 12 years is more than enough time for one person to be in charge).

For these reasons I have decided to step down as Editor-in-Chief.  Fortunately, Iva Greenwald, who has served as a spectacular section editor, has agreed to become the next Editor-in-Chief and oversee the changes that are necessary to keep *WormBook* a strong and essential resource for our community.  I know she will do a terrific job.

Before ending this letter, I want to thank the people that really made *WormBook* possible.  These people include Paul Sternberg as the publisher of *WormBook*through WormBase, whose support and enthusiasm have been essential; our two hard working editors Lisa Gerard and Jane Mendel, who made *WormBook* a reality; Oliver Hobert, who officially is the editor of *WormMethods*, but has really served as an assistant Editor-in-Chief; Lincoln Stein, Tristan Fiedler, Todd Harris, and Qinghua (Daniel) Wang, who brought *WormBook* to life on the web; and you the members of the Editorial Board [for the Gazette: and the past and present members of the Editorial Board], whose involvement and support made *WormBook* the model for all the other organism “Books.”  We have made something wonderful, and I thank all of you for showing once again the strength and dedication of the *C. elegans* community.

All the best,

Marty