

## Editor's Page

### Letter from the New Editor

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**T**his issue marks my assumption of the role of Editor-in-Chief of the HJC, the official Journal of the Hellenic Society of Cardiology. This position holds great responsibilities, particularly because the Journal, which since 2002 has been publishing an international edition in the English language, has accomplished significant goals. The journal has acquired international standard serial numbers, for both its print and electronic editions, and is indexed in the database of the US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health, known as PubMed. Concerning indices and metrics of scientific quality, the Journal has achieved and maintained through the last years an impact factor<sup>1</sup> that is rather satisfactory for the official Journal of a national cardiology society. Importantly, the impact of publications on the clinical practice and scientific knowledge of physicians, which cannot be measured, is even more satisfying.

It is with this recognition and appreciating the significant efforts of my predecessors that I respectfully move forward in my new role, with a sense of potential contribution to translational cardiovascular science, health, and education. Inevitably the unfortunate, for our nation, economic and international circumstances pose additional difficulties and hamper any previously planned achievements and research collaborations.

In the rapidly changing world, cardiology physicians are faced with even greater challenges. The rate of published medical literature has drastically increased, training has been intensified, and novel developments and practices are continually being introduced into clinical practice, posing new challenges. Accordingly, the way that young members of the cardiology community consume medical literature has

changed radically, focusing on high quality publications with easily comprehensible concepts that have straightforward applicability to clinical settings.

Therefore, changes must be applied to maintain the highest quality of science, but with a delivery manner aimed at simplifying the educational process. In this context, as long as I am Editor-in-Chief, along with my associate editors and the rest of the editorial team, we welcome articles that are highly impactful, highly meaningful, and present deep content within a framework of simplicity.

Accordingly, we strongly advise future authors to summarise their work with a learning implications section for the reader that may be applicable to contemporary patient care, and with a translational outlook component highlighting the future steps of research that may be applicable or could be developed by the research community.

Moreover, we intend to adopt a new format for original research publications with quality findings of clinical importance that have the potential to change clinical practice, which can be condensed to short communications. This type of publication serves the need to communicate interesting research findings, while providing an easier way for the readers to take home their message. At the same time, the publication of intriguing case reports that pose a clinical dilemma will improve clinical education, for younger and older physicians alike.

In addition, we invite recognised scientists and international research teams to contribute contemporary review articles covering interesting and controversial topics, ranging from basic mechanisms to clinical manifestations, diagnostic approaches and interventional strategies, aiming not only to improve physicians' knowledge and good medical

practice, but also to maintain established collaborations with international universities and research centres.

In the ongoing difficulties imposed by the evolution of cardiology and by the changes in the international status of our nation, we remain determined in our mission to make the *Hellenic Journal of Cardiology* the Greek cardiologist's window on the interna-

tional research forum, while also maintaining it as an entry point to novel scientific developments.

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