



Editorial

Editor's corner

*Sleep Medicine* has successfully completed its second year. We expanded publication to six issues per year, are now indexed in PubMed, MedLine and EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, and hope in the coming year to facilitate the timely publication of accepted articles by increasing the issue pages when necessary. Since its inception, the publisher has been sending the journal free of charge to over 4500 sleep specialists throughout the world. Beginning this year *Sleep Medicine* will be available only through subscription. We hope that the readers have been satisfied with the progress of the journal and will subscribe to keep abreast of the latest breakthroughs in sleep disorders medicine.

The sleep medicine community has recently seen an electrifying growth in the neuroscience of sleep. Cases in point are the hypocretin research in narcolepsy and the latest identification, in a well-documented French–Canadian family, of a major susceptibility locus for restless legs syndrome on the short arm of chromosome 12. These recent developments open avenues for new diagnostic tests and therapeutic modalities in potentially disabling sleep disorders. Sleep neuroscience in the 21st century appears to have a bright future, which bodes well for *Sleep Medicine*. We anticipate that quality research articles of neuroscientists

and sleep clinicians will keep *Sleep Medicine* at the forefront of excellence.

We also wish to consider articles with a strong theoretical background based on solid scientific logic, and will introduce this year a section on Medical Hypothesis in order to develop innovative hypotheses for a variety of sleep disorders. The journal will, of course, continue to publish editorials, timely review articles, original articles, brief communications, interesting and unusual case reports, journal search and commentary, controversies in sleep, news and announcements, technical notes, scientific highlights, letters to the editor, book reviews, listing of websites and meeting announcements. The journal will remain broad-based, focusing on all aspects of sleep disorders medicine so that it satisfies both the practicing sleep clinicians and sleep scientists.

As we look forward to another fruitful year, I must thank the associate editors and other members of the editorial board for their tireless work and dedication to the growth and development of the journal as well as the authors whose contributions keep *Sleep Medicine* at the forefront of excellence.

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