



EDITORIAL

A new era for SLEEP

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This first issue of the 45th volume year of *SLEEP* marks a change in editorial leadership at the journal as I begin my term as Editor-in-Chief (EIC), replacing Dr. Ronald Szymusiak who served as EIC from 2016 to 2021. The previous 6 years have been eventful ones for *SLEEP*. In 2016 the Sleep Research Society and the American Academy of Sleep Medicine ended their long-standing agreement to jointly publish *SLEEP* under the APSS umbrella. In 2017, *SLEEP* became the official journal of the SRS, and the SRS entered a partnership with Oxford University Press (OUP) as publishers of the journal. The partnership with OUP has proved to be a tremendous impetus for growth at *SLEEP* by almost any metric. This includes the following: number of manuscript submissions, increased institutional subscriptions, ease of access to journal content and increased website traffic, establishment of a hybrid open-access publishing model, rapid online publication (<2 weeks) after manuscript acceptance, and impact factor. In 2020 the SRS and OUP founded *SLEEP Advances*, a fully open-access companion journal to *SLEEP*. Dr. Mary Carskadon was appointed as the Founding Editor-in-Chief. OUP's world-wide reach has raised the international profile of *SLEEP*, most recently evidenced by the Australasian Sleep Association designating *SLEEP* and *SLEEP Advances* as official society journals earlier this year [1].

All of these important changes have positioned *SLEEP* as the leading journal for original articles in sleep and circadian research, defined broadly. In taking on this new position, I am grateful to the Editors who have preceded me and I am committed to taking the journal *SLEEP* to a new level of accomplishment. I have asked Dr. David Gozal and Dr. Rachel Manber to stay on as Deputy Editors-in-Chief and they have agreed to do so. I have added Dr. Antoine Adamantidis as a third Deputy Editor-in-Chief. This both reflects the international nature of our journal and is a clear statement of our goal to enhance the

basic research component of our journal. The goal of this new editorial team is to increase the impact of our journal. It is also in the interest of the sleep and circadian research field that the Impact Factor of our flagship journal is more in line with that in our fields. To do so, we will seek to increase the impact of the articles we are publishing. In addition, we are introducing new types of articles. First, we have introduced Perspectives. Perspectives are intended to be scientific opinion pieces that are on topics of current interest. The editorial team will seek authors for these types of articles. Other investigators can propose a Perspective and approach us with an outline. We are beginning pro-con style articles on topics that lend themselves to this format. Finally, we are copying other journals in introducing visual abstracts. These are one slide that summarizes the findings of the study. They are ideal for social media, e.g. Twitter, and we will be using the Twitter accounts of both the Sleep Research Society and the National Center for Sleep Disorders Research to increase the presence of *SLEEP* on social media.

We are all committed to increasing the status of this important journal. If you have ideas about how we could further enhance our efforts, please contact me directly at apack@srsnet.org.

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