

EDITORIAL



The Board of Directors of the *Hellenic Society of Radiology* has appointed me Editor-in-Chief of the *Hellenic Journal of Radiology (HJR)* after Prof. Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis' retirement as Editor. I am extremely honoured and I feel grateful for the given task of carrying on an important legacy of excellence.

The revived edition of *HJR*, starting in the fall of 2016, aims at “promoting scientific knowledge and exchange in Radiological sciences worldwide through research and innovation” [1]. These aims need to take into account the rapid evolution of sciences allied to Medical Imaging, such as informatics, machine learning and artificial intelligence, translational imaging in research, biomedical engineering and the rising role of radiomics, radiogenomics and precision medicine. Thus, *HJR* will continue to act as the forum of scientific exchange in the field of Radiology and allied sciences aiming at promoting knowledge for the benefit of clinical practice and patient care. To this end, the Editorial Board will be strengthened accordingly to meet present and future scientific challenges. Professional issues, such as the growth of teleradiology with its adverse effect on the role of radiologists as clinical doctors, will be highlighted and discussed in *HJR* [2].

Up to the present, nearly 100 papers have been published in *HJR* from Radiologists, Nuclear Medicine physicians, Medical Physicists, Radiotherapists and Technologists from around the world. The journal, during its first three years, has been included in the *Google Scholar* and *Index Copernicus International* databases, has received ISSN numbers for both the electronic and typed version and has recently received a digital object identifier (DOI number) for each of its articles. An application to *PubMed* is already under consideration and we hope that soon the journal will open its wings to a broader audience. The format of the journal, including original research as well as educational material through review articles, pictorial essays and clinical cases, has been well received.

Kudos to Prof. Gourtsoyiannis who led the transition of the journal to its new era with devotion and enthusiasm. He served the Radiological Community admirably and tirelessly and under his leadership the Editorial Board worked as a selfless team. Being his successor, I fully understand the expectations of the *Hellenic Society of Radiology* Board and of individual Radiologists. Multidisciplinary interaction, innovative research and high standards in peer reviewing will continue to be the roadmap for the years to come.

One of the most important rewards of being Editor-in-Chief of *HJR* is the chance to work with an outstanding group of scientists who constitute the Editorial Board of the journal. On behalf of the Editors and the Editorial Board, I kindly invite and cordially encourage the individual members of the scientific community to support *HJR*. **R**

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