EDITORIAL

NEW FORM OF THE JOURNAL PRILOZI (CONTRIBUTIONS) OF THE MACEDONIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS, SECTION OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

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The journal *Prilozi* (Contributions, Section of Biological and Medical Sciences of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts) has been published twice a year. In the period 1969–1980 the journal was published under the title: "Prilozi. Oddelenie za prirodno-matematicki nauki", MANU (Contributions, Section of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, MASA).

Since 1980, the journal has been published as a separate publication under the title *Prilozi* (Contributions), Section of Biological and Medical Sciences of the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts. It publishes original scientific works, research reports and surveys (clinical, laboratory and epidemiological experiences, case studies, etc.) from the area of medical and biological sciences. The papers do not include research results which the authors have already published in other books or journals. The papers submitted for publication in *Prilozi* are peer-reviewed by two experts from the respective scientific field, who remain anonymous to the authors. The papers are published in English, with a summary in Macedonian and English. The electronic version of the journal is accessible on the MASA website: www.manu.edu.mk/prilozi. [1]

Since 2004 the journal has been available on the internet, on medicine PubMed. 354 papers are available on the PubMed since 2004. Papers can be electronically accessed on the following website: www.manu.edu.mk/prilozi. It is an open-access journal registered in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). [2]

Recently, a separate Section of Medical Sciences has been established in the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts. It has been arranged that Prilozi is to be the journal of the Section of Medical Sciences and as of 2013 the journal will be published in a new design in A4 format, thrice a year. The Editorial Board has been expanded with new members, deputy editors, assistant editors, and with an International Editorial Board and a Local (National) Editorial Board.

The papers published in *Prilozi* have contributed to the affirmation of our medical sciences and related sciences in the world.

Our results and problems in the prevention, diagnostics of separate diseases and treatment of the patients have become available to all the medical centres in the world. Our topographic pathology has found its place on the map of medical diseases in the world.

Our journal is open to foreign and domestic authors, however, quality papers are required in order to improve the quality of the journal and to be an example for other journals in the Republic of Macedonia.

We should foster the goals of the World Association of Medical Editors – WAME, which are:

- to facilitate worldwide cooperation and communication among editors of peer-reviewed medical journals;
- to improve editorial standards, to promote professionalism in medical editing through education, self-criticism and self-regulation;
- to encourage research on the principles and practice of medical editing.

WAME’s founding members have agreed that the members of WAME shall be dedicated to high ethical and scientific principles in the pursuit of the following common goals:

- to publish original, important, well-documented peer-reviewed articles on clinical and laboratory research;
• to provide continuing education in basic and clinical sciences to support informed clinical decision-making;
• to enable physicians to continue to be informed in one or more areas of medicine;
• to improve public health internationally by improving the quality of medical care, disease prevention and medical research;
• to foster responsible and balanced debate on controversial issues and policies affecting medicine and health care;
• to promote peer review as a vehicle for scientific discourse and quality assurance in medicine and to support efforts to improve peer review;
• to achieve the highest level of ethical medical journalism;
• to promote self-editing and scientifically supported improvement in the editing process;
• to produce publications that are timely, credible and enjoyable to read;
• to forecast important issues, problems and trends in medicine and health care;
• to inform readers about non-clinical aspects of medicine and public health, including political, philosophic, ethical, environmental, economic, historical and cultural issues;
• to recognize that, in addition to these specific objectives, a medical journal has a social responsibility to improve the human condition and safeguard the integrity of sciences. [3]

We are looking forward to successful future publication.

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