



Launching a New Section for the *Journal of Korean Medical Science*: Focusing on Editing, Writing, and Publishing Issues

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The *Journal of Korean Medical Science (JKMS)* is the leading periodical for science communication in Korea, covering all areas of medicine (<http://jkms.org>). Its main aim is to serve interests of local researchers and practitioners by publishing quality items covering wide range of current medical problems. Although the *JKMS* prioritizes original research papers and systematic reviews, there is a room for extensive literature overviews, expert opinion pieces and letters, facilitating the interaction between editors, authors, and readers of the Journal. As a multidisciplinary medium of communication, the *JKMS* welcomes submissions on national medical and healthcare strategy, organization of healthcare, biomedical innovations in Korea and across the world, ethics, research reporting, journal editing, and other emerging disciplines, which compliment traditional science.

The *JKMS* has already established 34 specialty sections, and is launching a new one - this time to provide a venue for medical science editing publications, written by experts with extensive clinical, writing, reviewing, and editing experience. Thus, Volume 29 in 2014 marks a new beginning of this journal for a highly reputable and impacting science medium.

Editors of Korean medical journals established the Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) to cooperate in the field of journal editing, to upgrade their skills, and to expand the role of member journals they play in resolving healthcare problems locally and internationally. The journal editors' joint efforts allowed to adopt rigorous peer review that helped to improve the quality of publications and to meet indexing criteria of most prestigious bibliographic databases (1). The most important lesson learnt by the editors is that substantive editing and attention paid to all aspects of journal editing, publishing, and distributing to its readers pay off by enhancing citation rates and related bibliometric impact indicators - 'currency' for editors worldwide (2).

The Journal's quality depends entirely on the work of each and every member of the editorial team. Concerted efforts may yield best results provided these are systematic and are based on sound scientific evidence. Fortunately, accumulation of evidence on editing and enlargement of learned societies for editors suggest that science editing is becoming an important subject of research and a separate discipline which comes to facili-

tate best editorial practices globally. In fact, the Seventh International Congress on Peer Review and Biomedical Publication, which was held this year in Chicago, Illinois, USA, proved that high quality editorial work in most top-ranking journals is a product of extensive research (3). Unarguably, scientific approach to writing, reviewing, editing, and publishing, which is still in its infancy in Korea, can be also instrumental for the advancement of the KAMJE's journals. In line with this, the new section on editing, writing, and publishing of the *JKMS* will incorporate evidence-based overviews of editorial practices, original research papers, viewpoint pieces, and news items written by local and international contributors. Hopefully, this section will encourage the KAMJE's members to become more actively engaged in research on editing and to share their own experience in the field with colleagues from all over the world. The *JKMS* is proud to invite Dr. Armen Yuri Gasparyan, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine University of Manchester, an internationally recognized scholar, an experienced journal editor, a member of major learned associations for editors, and the current Chief Editor of the *European Science Editing* journal, to head the new section for the *JKMS*. This section may become a milestone for Korean medical journals that will help us to answer the following fundamental questions: Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?

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