

Editorial



JKMS Editing With Gratitude

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As the Editor-in-Chief, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all authors, reviewers, and readers of the *Journal of Korean Medical Science* (JKMS) for their valuable contribution. Thanks to their great efforts, JKMS has become a flagship medical journal in Korea. Now JKMS publishes 50 issues in a year, every Monday since 2018. In 2016, JKMS became a member journal of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), which recommends global guidelines of editing and publishing.

Editorship is requiring perseverance and a comprehensive academic perspective. Some editorial works are exhilarating, some are challenging, and some are tedious. Because editor's responsibilities span the entire process of publishing, from submission to printing, the editor must address a wide range of issues throughout the process. Furthermore, as the central figure in the academic society shaped by JKMS, the editor should be a leader in the academic affairs in Korea, particularly in editing, writing, and publishing.

I have served as the editor of JKMS for 15 years starting in 2009. During this time, JKMS has published 5,060 articles and transformed into an Open Access, online, and weekly journal. Throughout these years, I have had the privilege of meeting hundreds of staff members of the Korean Academy of Medical Sciences, as well as thousands of authors and reviewers. With their unwavering supports, JKMS has ascended to the status of a global journal. In this regard, I consider myself fortunate and delighted. I extend my sincere appreciation to all medical researchers who have contributed their efforts and love to JKMS.

Professor Jin-Hong Yoo, the new editor of JKMS starting in 2024, is a physician specializing in infectious diseases. His profound knowledge in medical academia is truly exceptional, and I am quite confident that he will propel JKMS to new heights.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all editorial board members, executive committee members, advisory board members, assistant editors, the former printer of JKMS, Academy Co., and the e-journal platform service provider, XMLink Co. JKMS still continues to rely on ongoing support and affection because the journey of journal publishing is never-ending.