



The *Journal of Korean Medical Science* as a Member of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors

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In September 2016, Dr. Darren Taichman, Secretary of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), noticed me that I am invited as a new member of the ICMJE as editor of the *Journal of Korean Medical Science* (JKMS) and asked me to participate this year's annual meeting. And also he asked me to send him a file of JKMS cover to upload on the website of ICMJE. Since December 15, 2016, the JKMS cover appears on the website of ICMJE at <http://www.icmje.org>.

The JKMS is a vehicle for Korean medical researchers to communicate with global readers by publishing their works. The JKMS is published Open Access by the Korean Academy of Medical Sciences (KAMS), which is a convergent organization of academic communities of medical sciences in Korea. The JKMS covers whole scope of medical sciences and plays a role of type model of medical journals in Korea. The role of JKMS in Korea has been constructed during the past 30 years in parallel with development of biomedical research.

In 2017, JKMS shall contribute to global authors and readers more intimately by publishing more attractive and interesting articles and other reading materials. Increasing its online visibility may deliver various contents including both research works

and education materials. JKMS should be a hot site of scientific communication between global biomedical researchers by mostly updated editing and publishing.

Also I have to contribute ICMJE for global issues on editing and publishing representing the Asian continent. It is my duty to deliver voices of editors of Korean and Asian medical journals to ICMJE. The Asian medical journals have begun to assert themselves more confidently around the world by publishing their own research works. The membership of ICMJE must be an honorable burden.

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