THE NEXT STEP IN THE JOURNAL RAD – MEDICAL SCIENCES

Soon after the founding of the Yugoslav Academy of Sciences and Arts (today: the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts) – more than 155 years ago, the journal RAD was launched and began to be published by the Croatian Academy. This journal has so far reached 536 volumes in continuity. As individual specialised Academy departments were formed, they began to publish their own issues within the integral volume of RAD. Every Academy department published its issues with the visible name of the department itself. The Department of Medical Sciences was founded within the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts as a separate unit in 1950. The first issue of RAD – Medical Sciences was published as early as in 1951.

Until 2006, 29 issues had been published in discontinuity. Since 2006, RAD – Medical Sciences (starting with issue no. 496=30) has begun to be published continually (one or two issues per year), and has further been included as an open access journal in www.hrcak.srce.hr. Since 2007 (issue 497=31), RAD – Medical Sciences has been appearing in the English version as well, and has thus become visible and recognisable within the international science community. Since their inclusion in www.hrcak.srce.hr, the articles published in RAD – Medical Sciences have reached 274,618 hits. The few members of the Editorial Board: Marko Pećina, editor-in-chief; Vjekoslav Jerolimov, deputy editor; and members of the Editorial Board: Ivana Čepelak, Vida Demarin, Iva Dekaris and Josip Madić, though satisfied as regards the continuity of the journal and the response of the professional public thereto, felt there were too many formal technical publication-related issues to be settled in order for the journal to be included in the international quotation bases.

After her election as head of the Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in 2019, Vida Demarin, Fellow of the Croatian Academy, initiated within the Department of Medical Sciences a reorganisation related to the publication of the journal. All the members of the Department of Medical Sciences, as well as the members of the Editorial Board, supported this initiative. In cooperation with Marko Pećina, Editor-in-Chief, new members of the Editorial Board and Journal Council have been nominated and elected. Furthermore, changes of the format and the layout of the journal, and all the other changes necessary for the journal to fulfil the criteria set for the inclusion in the highly valued international quotation bases, have been proposed. In this double issue 46-47, 2019, the readers will immediately be able to spot the new names in the Editorial Board and Journal Coun-

cil, as well as all the other mentioned changes. We would especially like to point out that Filip Đerke, MD, who has joined the Editorial Board as Secretary thereof, has done the lion's share of the work related to the redesign of the journal and the improvements with regard to editing and publishing. The authors of this Editorial cordially thank him for doing so.

The double issue 46-47 includes two original papers (1,2); four review articles (3-6); and one review article with a case report (7). We would particularly like to point out the paper on artificial intelligence in medicine, which lies already in the present rather than in the future (8).

This double issue follows the practice of publishing Abstracts of papers from major scientific symposia with international participation, such as was the Symposium dedicated to the memory of Nikola Škreb, esteemed Croatian scientist, and Fellow and former Secretary-General of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

We continue to inform our readers of the events held at the scientific symposia either organised or sponsored by the Department of Medical Sciences. We further announce the symposia planned to take place in the course of this year.

Counting on the enthusiasm of the members of the Department of Medical Sciences and the members of the Editorial Board, demonstrated during the preparation of this double edition of RAD, for which we cordially thank them, we believe that the next step in publishing our journal will indeed be a success.

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