

EDITORIAL

The journal you are reading right now was initiated by Professor Vladimir Hudolin at the beginning of the 1960s, under the name Anali Bolnice "Dr. Mladen Stojanović"; afterwards it was named Anali Kliničke bolnice "Dr. Mladen Stojanović". In 1992, the name of the journal was changed to Acta Clinica Croatica, and its graphic appearance was redesigned, including a new front page. During the past few years, a number of eminent medical professionals from various parts of the world have become members of the Editorial Board. Also, during the last years, and especially in this century, the editors initiated changes and made significant efforts to improve the quality of the journal.

And we, the editors, are very proud to inform you that our efforts have gained international recognition: the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee, an advisory committee of the National Library of Medicine, completed the review of Acta Clinica Croatica, and Acta Clinica Croatica has been selected to be indexed and included in MEDLINE, beginning with this issue.

MEDLINE (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System Online) is a huge bibliographic database containing over 16 million references to articles published in more than 5,200 current biomedical journals from the United States and over 80 other countries. Compiled by the National Library of Medicine, MEDLINE is freely available on the Internet and searchable *via* PubMed. The National Library of Medicine is the world's largest medical library including more than seven million books, journals, technical reports, manuscripts, microfilms, photographs, and images on medicine and related sciences. The National Library of Medicine has been publishing Index Medicus since 1879, and the last issue of Index Medicus was printed in December 2004. However, this information is offered in the freely accessible PubMed amongst more than fifteen million MEDLINE journal article references and

abstracts going back to the 1960s, and 1.5 million references going back to the 1950s. Therefore, MEDLINE is one of the largest and probably the most important biomedical database in the world.

We consider the inclusion of Acta Clinica Croatica in MEDLINE a great step forward because beginning with this issue every article published in Acta Clinica Croatica will be indexed and included in this database. Obviously, this will greatly improve the visibility and significance of our journal, and therefore encourage even more authors to publish results of their research in Acta Clinica Croatica.

The editors are very proud that Acta Clinica Croatica has gained this recognition, but we are aware that the success of a journal depends on the actions and interactions of many individual players: editors, statisticians, production and support staff, peer reviewers, advertisers, editors, sponsors, journal publisher, and the last but not the least, authors and readers. We strongly believe that cooperation among all of them is the best way to make our journal ever better. The truth is that the editors and editorial board do not create articles. The journal basically depends on authors, who submit papers from which the editors then select those to be published upon a proper reviewing process.

Therefore we express our gratitude to all authors who have submitted their papers to be published in Acta Clinica Croatica and we take this opportunity to invite them to continue doing so. We also call other authors to submit their papers to our journal, as this is the best way to maintain and improve the quality of the journal. And the last but not the least, we appreciate the precious assistance of all reviewers who have reviewed the papers, thus allowing for their publication. The editors thank them for their past efforts and hope they will continue doing so in the future, to the benefit of our journal and, which is most valuable, of our readers.

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