New Year's message from the editors

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As editors of *Pediatric Nephrology*, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy New Year. We are privileged to have the opportunity to work for the International Pediatric Nephrology Association in helping—along with our associate editors, editorial board, and reviewers—to guide the journal toward excellence. This has been another successful year for our journal. The number of submissions increased to more than 700, with excellent manuscripts coming from around the world.

As you may have noticed, there have been some changes. As reviews and teaching reviews are well received by readers, we increased the number published, and as we have page restrictions, we reduced the number other features not as well received. There are now fewer brief reports and letters to the editor. Letters to the editor must refer to articles published in the journal and cannot be short case reports. As this is an international journal, articles must be of interest to all our readers. Thus, we no longer publish manuscripts that are of regional interest only. Finally, the journal's content is primarily clinical, and our

readers are by and large clinicians. We are therefore increasingly selective regarding the basic science papers considered for publication. Advances in basic science information that is of interest and importance to our readership will continue to be presented in reviews authored by leaders in the field.

As editors, we strive to make submission to the journal as effortless as possible and ensure a rapid response to authors regarding the suitability of their manuscript for publication. Upon manuscript acceptance, our staff and the staff at Springer work diligently to electronically publish the manuscript on line so that your work as an author is visible and citable to the community.

We find our job as the journal's editors exciting, and we are privileged to have the opportunity to learn from all the interesting papers submitted for publication. We thank our authors for sending us such excellent papers, and we particularly thank our reviewers, who readily give their time to make the journal the success it is. Once again, we wish you and your families the best for the New Year.

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