Editorial

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The Austrian Society of Cardiology (ÖKG) is celebrating another notable event after establishing “*Cardio News Austria*” marked by introducing its own national journal with Springer Medizin.

Springer Medizin and the ÖKG agreed on to devote an issue of *Wiener Klinische Wochenschrift* (*Central European Journal of Medicine*) entirely to the topic of cardiology, appearing periodically every 3–4 months. It should provide a forum for exchange of views and topics about all aspects of cardiology within the cardiological community not only in Austria but also around the world!

This academic peer-reviewed journal should serve as a forum for the introduction and presentation of new research in cardiology and the existing one’s critique. It should also include position papers of ÖKG and European Society of Cardiology (ESC), adjusted to national circumstances. In addition, this journal serves as a vehicle for transporting international progress within cardiology to the Austrian Community! An academic journal’s prestige is established over time and can reflect many factors. Some, but not all of which, are quantitatively expressible.

The editorial team guarantees high scientific quality and plurality as well as international development.

The first issue reflects the goal of the ÖKG: a combination of excellent original articles, the society’s position papers about various aspects and excellent review papers from the international community. The ESC-editors’ club provided ALMANAC 2013 with five articles shared by “Heart” with all journals from entitled National Cardiac Societies. Two of these five articles are published in this issue.

The ÖKG has appointed me to be section editor for cardiology. I am supposed to manage the peer reviewing and transfer it to the editor-in-chief. The position as section editor was arranged between ÖKG and Springer Medizin for a period of 3 years. This journal will be the voice of the entire ÖKG and its working groups.

I hope that these efforts of the ÖKG will enrich education by providing free online access to all members of the Austrian Society of Cardiology (log in: www.atcardio.at). I would like to encourage young fellows and investigators to provide their data by publishing in our journal and thus contributing to their academia and help patients. I will take care of the editorial process and address the plea to all cardiologists early in their careers: *academic legacy is most important*, and don’t forget, “*You are what PubMed says you are.*”

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