

Editorial

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The echo and responses to the first issue of the national journal of the Austrian Society of Cardiology (ÖKG) were most positive and encouraging. Of course, every new start is accompanied by technical and organizational problems like editorial interaction, Springer Medizin and ÖKG. During the last Board meeting of the ÖKG in January 2014, the editor-in-chief of WKWO laid the foundation for a good cooperation between the ÖKG and the journal.

As editor of the cardiology section, I especially encourage the submission of original articles on topics pertaining to the broad discipline of cardiovascular disease. Our goal is to provide an independent forum designed for specialists and internists with a subspecialty in cardiology throughout the world.

The journal is very restrictive about case reports and will focus on the latest trends in patient management. We would like to publish original research, reviews and observations that are on the cutting edge of science and clinical practice. In this issue the Consensus-Report of D.A.CH, a joint cooperation of Austrian, German and

Swiss experts, will critically discuss the new AHA/ACC guidelines for cardiovascular risk reduction by statin therapy. Our journal can be an excellent forum for discussing such guidelines' pros and cons.

Because health care and the health sciences are global, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary, we encourage authors to submit manuscripts that reflect these perspectives. We also intend to focus on a special topic accompanied by an experienced guest editor in some cardiology issues.

I am asking all of you to assist and actively participate in submitting your clinical or research work. Your support for your journal reflects your passion for science, education, and networking within all specialities in the field of cardiovascular medicine.

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