Editorial

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Dear Reader,

The Wiener klinische Wochenschrift/the Central European Journal of Medicine is entering its 128th year—a respectable age. However, the journal is not old in its outlook; it has continuously adapted to new developments and constitutes a modern scientific medical journal.

The journal is issued by the members of the Medical University of Vienna and the Society of Physicians of Vienna in cooperation with the members of the Medical Universities of Graz and Innsbruck and therefore can be understood as an organ of the Medical Universities of Austria. The journal also serves as the official organ of the Austrian Societies of Internal Medicine (ÖGIM), Cardiology (ÖKG) and Pneumology (ÖGP).

It is most encouraging that submissions to the journal have increased continuously over the past eight years. The number of manuscripts submitted has multiplied more than three times, from 194 in 2008 to 619 in 2015. This high number of submissions makes significant demands on the editors and we are very grateful to all reviewers, to the colleagues who act as section editors and also to those who sit on the editorial board. Medicine in general and medical research in particular is undergoing massive change, and we hope that we will attract further specialists in different research fields to

join the editorial board and the group of section editors. Their important work focuses on the reviewing process, which is highly dependent on the contributions of all the colleagues dedicating their time for reviewing assigned manuscripts. Reviewing is a key aspect of academic life that requires both in-depth knowledge and the ability to advise authors on how to improve the presentation of their studies and communications.

We open the first issue of the journal in 2016 with the inauguration speech of the new rector of the Medical University of Vienna, Professor Markus Müller. We are very pleased and grateful that we can document his thoughts on the current situation and on current and future needs of the university.

With respect to those considerations and the fact that the journal is expected to function as an instrument of the members of our medical universities, we invite all colleagues from our medical universities and from universities in Central Europe and beyond to consider regular submission of their work for possible publication in the journal.

We remain with the best editorial intentions,

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