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As editor in chief of the *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift* and as a pediatrician I am proud to present a special issue of our journal dedicated to the field of pediatrics. This issue has been compiled from original papers submitted to the journal underlining the fact that the *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift* covers pediatrics and serves as disseminator of pediatric knowledge. Pediatrics represents the entire field of clinical medicine; nevertheless, the high specialization is also represented in numerous pediatric subdisciplines.

The presented papers reflect this diversity, ranging from neonatology to neurological aspects of outcome, cardiac surgery, infectiology and many more. Pediatricians around the globe are a very active scientific group. The editors of the *Wiener Medizini-*

nische Wochenschrift are proud to be part of that activity, receiving submissions from all over the world. Pediatric publications also achieve high citation and download rates as has been the case recently in the thematic issue on Rett Syndrome (*Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift* 11–12/2016) that was first described in the *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift* published in 1966 (A. Rett, “On a unusual brain atrophy syndrome in hyperammonemia in childhood”, *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift*, vol. 116, no. 37, pp. 723–726, 1966).

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