Letter from the new editor-in-chief: my perspective for future development

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As I come onboard as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Public Health*, I would like to share my thoughts with you about a vision for taking the *Journal of Public Health* to the next level. First and foremost, I am committed to continuing the culture of excellence and quality of the journal as admirably lead by outgoing editor-in-chief, Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Kirch (who deceased this year). Now in its 24th year, the *Journal of Public Health* has become a well-recognized journal in the field. Supported by the German Society of Health Sciences and Public Health, the journal is an interdisciplinary publication for advances and new approaches in international public health.

In a recent survey, 90 % of the authors were satisfied with the overall publication process of the *Journal of Public*

Health. However, we could do better! One crucial point for authors is the speed of publication. With our online first tool, articles are published before they are printed. In conjunction with shorter peer review times, we would like to become even more attractive for authors.

The *Journal of Public Health* is listed in important indexes in the field. One challenge for the future is to find additional ways to reach decision-makers in health care systems as well.

Together with the international, interdisciplinary editorial board, the *Journal of Public Health* aspires to serve as one of the leading publication platforms in the field.

Now it's up to you to match our efforts by submitting your best science while we take care of the rest!

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