Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

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I am very proud to welcome you to the first issue of *Medical Science Educator* in 2014. 24(1) is the first issue of our journal that is published by Springer Publishers. In the last few months, the Editorial Board and the Editorial Support team have been working very hard to make the transition to Springer possible. The International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE) is very excited that *Medical Science Educator* is now being published by Springer. We are convinced that this will increase the outreach of the journal and hope that many more authors from around the world will consider our journal for publication of their scholarly work, for the benefit of all our readers and the quality of our journal.

Our new position within the peer-reviewed scientific educational literature scene provides us with a starting point to grow the journal even further in the number of readers, in the number of articles, as well as in our international scope. Our goal is to publish quality papers from around the world that are of interest to all who teach in healthcare, which is not explicitly limited to medical school curricula. It also includes, for example, nursing, dental, and veterinary science education. The articles we publish focus on teaching the sciences fundamental to modern medicine and health, a topic that is at the heart of IAMSE. Together with Springer, we strive to reach

indexing in the major databases for scientific literature and subsequently to achieve an impact factor for the journal.

To reach those goals and to handle the already increasing number of submission, I am honored to introduce to you two new Associate Editors in the Editorial Board. Starting March 1, 2014, Drs Mark Andrews and Vaughan Kippers took office as Associate Editor for *Medical Science Educator*. Mark A.W. Andrews is from The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Seton Hill, Greensburg, PA, USA and has been involved in our journal for many years as a dedicated reviewer. Vaughan Kippers is from The University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia and is also a current member of the Board of Directors of IAMSE. Both editors bring their own specific expertise and relationships in the field of osteopathic medicine and medical education in the area of Oceania, respectively. I am sure they will be a very valuable addition to the Editorial Board, and I look forward to working with them.

I hope you will enjoy this memorable issue and that you will continue supporting our journal as a reader and an author of your own scholarly work.

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