Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

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With this editorial, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the *Archives of Women's Mental Health*, be it as a reader, author, reviewer, member of the editorial board, or section editor. The journal had a very successful year, and this would not have been possible without you!

The impact factor of the journal has increased to 3.379 (published in 2017 for the year 2016), which is truly remarkable. Obviously, our journal publishes articles that excite a lot of interest and are well cited in the research community. I hope this success story will continue in 2018.

The number of manuscripts received increased by 20% in 2017 compared to the previous year. We published 98 articles with a total of 814 pages in six volumes. Online first, we published 96 articles in 2017, and we had 163,810 downloads during the year.

Unfortunately, the number of days from submission of manuscripts to the first decision on average still took 46 days which was mainly due to a large backlog of manuscripts the new editors had to deal with in the beginning of the year. The delay was substantially decreased during the second part of the year. In addition, the average time from acceptance to online publication was 16 days. In order to improve and speed up the review process, we carried out some restructuring; most importantly, new section editors with special expertise were appointed. While we can continue to count on Ian Brockington for historical perspectives and Hans-Ulrich Wittchen for epidemiology, we now also have Prabha Chandra for peripartum, Anette Kersting for psychotherapy, Susan Kornstein for psychopharmacology, Jayashri Kulkarni for psychoneuroendocrinology, Lisa Segre for psychology, and Sibil Tschudin for gynecology and obstetrics. In addition,

Jodi Pawluski joined us recently for social media issues and has started a Twitter account for our journal. Hopefully, with these section editors, we can also strengthen our links with important professional societies and associations in the field of women's mental health.

The AWMH continues to be the official journal of the Marcé Society - International Society for Psychiatric Disorders in Childbearing, and the NASPOG - North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynecology. And I am very pleased to announce that the journal is now again the official journal of the IAWMH - International Association for Women's Mental Health.

As regards the content of our journal, we have launched a series of topical collections. John Cox edited one on the EPDS (Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale) on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Further collections are planned on "Filicide" and on the "Neurobiology of Motherhood," amongst others. You are most welcome to suggest and to contribute to further collections.

My great wish for the journal is to develop a somewhat wider scope. While to date the journal has mainly focused on topics related to peripartum issues, we should acknowledge that the field of women's mental health is much broader. We would therefore also like to publish articles on other topics, such as gender differences in mental disorders and in risk and influencing factors for mental disorders, be they from stress research, psychoendocrinology, neuroimaging, neuropsychology, or sociology, to name just a few. Lab research and animal studies relevant to women's mental health are also welcome. Let us not forget the big epidemiological questions still seeking answers, such as the gender differences in the incidence and prevalence of depression and anxiety disorders or in suicide. Studies on gender differences from child and youth psychiatry might offer some explanations. Last but not least, there are the issues of training and education in the field of women's mental health, of mentoring for female professionals, and of policies for the prevention of mental illness in women. With

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the journal, we can hopefully contribute to improving the mental health of women around the globe.

Original articles as well as systematic reviews and meta-analyses on these topics are most welcome. All in all, I am convinced that with our journal, we can contribute to a better understanding of women's mental health from an interdisciplinary point of view. To this end, it would be very helpful if you could contribute to the visibility of our journal, e.g., by introducing it to your colleagues or citing our articles. Please also visit the journal on <https://www.iawmh.org/home.html> and on Twitter https://twitter.com/AWMH_Journal.

Again, I want to thank you all and ask you to send me your ideas, wishes, and comments. My special thanks also go to Ms. Lesny, Ms. Blando, and Ms. Marabillo from Springer, our publisher.

I look forward to a successful cooperation and wish you all a healthy, prosperous, creative, and productive 2018.

Your Editor-in-Chief,
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