



## A note of thanks and an invitation

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At the end of this year, I wish to express my sincere gratitude, also on behalf of the other editors, the members of the editorial board and the publisher of the European Journal of Epidemiology, to the referees of the articles considered for the 2018 volume of EJE. It is no mean feat that hundreds of busy colleagues spend their time in assessing the more than 1100 manuscripts submitted each year to our Journal, in selecting the ones that may possibly be published, and in improving the quality of the selected articles. Many of the reviewers have helped us in the past years as well, and we are tremendously appreciative and grateful to them [1, 2]. It is largely thanks to them that EJE is doing well in attracting and publishing valuable contributions on epidemiologic research findings and epidemiologic methods.

Some time ago we have started to publish invited essays on topics of interest to epidemiologists and epidemiology [3–31]. I would like to extend an invitation to our readers to submit essays, also without the prompting of an invite. Essays may cover general conceptual and methodologic issues [3, 12, 17, 23, 30, 31] or statistical and data-analytic topics [4, 5, 13, 22]. They may address current concerns [6, 8, 15, 16, 26, 29] or give historical perspectives [14, 19, 25]. The essays may also focus on topical issues in substantive epidemiology [7, 10, 11, 20, 21, 28] or voice societal concerns [7, 26]. We intend to leave the format of these pieces quite open and we hope to receive many creative and forceful contributions, from inside or out of the epidemiology box.

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