



***Hormones—International Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism:* a new publisher, a step forward**

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It is a great privilege as Editor to address our readers and inform them about the recent developments for our Journal.

Starting with this issue, we are pleased to announce that *Hormones* is being published by Springer. Previously, *Hormones* was “self-published” by the Hellenic Endocrine Society. Springer and the Hellenic Endocrine Society recently signed an agreement in which Springer will publish the journal on behalf of the Society. Already familiar to most of you for its leading position in the field of academic publishing and pioneering in the field of open research, Springer will assure a wider distribution of the journal through its media providing an established reputation for professionalism in this field.

As you may have noticed from the front cover and will see as you browse through this month’s issue, there is also a new look of the journal with an updated article type style, and layout, although the primary purpose of the journal will continue to be publishing high-quality papers and advances in the field of endocrinology and metabolic diseases.

From now on, published contents will be hosted on the publisher’s website SpringerLink (<https://link.springer.com/journal/42000>), with the aim of providing the journal with the widest visibility. Members of the Hellenic Endocrine Society will be allowed to access journal full contents through the society’s website, while institutions and individuals who are not society members will have to subscribe to the journal to read article full contents, as for the most prestigious medical journals. Peer-reviewed articles will be published Online

First ahead of issue publication. At the time of Online First publication, the article text will be fully searchable and citable by its Digital Object Identifier (DOI), thus available much more quickly and accelerating the circulation of critical discoveries.

Authors wishing to have their articles freely available may take advantage of the Open Access model that is now customary in most journals.

A second dedicated journal homepage (<https://www.springer.com/42000>) will include all information concerning the journal along with instructions to authors and video tutorials for article editing. The instructions for authors have been updated; thus, I strongly advise our authors to carefully read them before submitting their papers since from now on, special attention will be given to adherence to ethical issues of scientific publications.

To help editors and reviewers in the peer review process, Editorial Manager, the new online submission system, will be available shortly and accessible via the journal’s website <https://www.springer.com/42000>. Editorial Manager will provide several useful functionalities and statistics tools, and we hope to shorten the turnaround time for submitted manuscripts and to publish more quality papers.

My first priority is to maintain the journal’s high standards by reserving a reasonable amount of time for the editorial process. To this end, a revision of the Editorial Board has been performed in which each Associate Editor will have the responsibility for a specific subdiscipline. The members of the Editorial Board, listed on the journal homepage in <https://www.springer.com/42000> and inside the print issues, will work with authors and the journal editorial office to assure that papers accepted for publication are completed in the best possible form within the shortest possible editing time, with the aim of increasing the number of high-quality papers and the geographical diversity of scientific contributions. As we go forward, though, we do not want to forget all those

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Editorial Board members who generously gave of their time and expertise in supporting the journal in previous years; we are deeply grateful to them.

Finally, we wish to thank the Hellenic Endocrine Society executive committee that allowed the journal to take this step forward, the journal's Editorial Board, and the Springer staff who are working for a smooth transi-

tion. We look forward to a new era for *Hormones* and productive interactions with Springer, our new partner in publishing, supporting the development of new areas of knowledge and making ideas and advancements accessible to the scientific community worldwide.

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