

Editorial

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Dear readers, authors, and reviewers,

I would like to announce that on 1 June 2017, I became Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Italica*, in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Italian Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, which stipulate renewal of the editorial management of the journal every five years.

I am greatly honoured by this appointment, and firstly I should like to thank the President of the Society and the Governing Board for entrusting me with this prestigious duty. Secondly, I wish to pay tribute to the outstanding and efficient work carried out by my predecessor Professor Gaetano Paludetti, who gave a significant impetus to the journal, bringing its ranking to 21/43 among the ENT journals, and its impact factor to 1.53. Under his management, the contribution made by international authors increased, and today they represent some 25-30% of the submitted articles, coming from European, Asian, Latin American and African countries.

I am aware that the challenge I have taken up is a demanding one, and will call for great and unstinting commitment. Maintaining and improving today's standards is an arduous task. Globalisation, the burgeoning growth in novel ways of multimedia communication and the need to communicate the never-ending output of news in medicine with great rapidity, have led to a great deal of competitiveness between publishers, and have widened the range of possibilities for authors to choose from, when they are deciding where to publish the hard-won results of their work.

I and the incoming editorial staff will strive to continue on the road embarked upon by my predecessors to improve

further promotion of the excellent research performed by the members of the Italian Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. At the same time, we will encourage authors and researchers from abroad to submit their manuscripts and research.

Of course, for this we will streamline and enhance certain aspects of review process in order to speed up the time between submission and publication. Editorial staff will conduct evaluation of the submitted manuscripts within three working days; if the manuscript meets editorial criteria, it will be sent to the reviewers and the final decision will be communicated to the author within three months of submitting. We will endeavour to broaden the areas of interest of the journal, devoting space to those subjects which are of great interest (risk management, value medicine, etc.), but which are often less well-represented in the pages of other journals.

We will also renew and extend the members of scientific board in order to embrace the whole gamut of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck disease. We will benefit from an ongoing cross-fertilisation of ideas and suggestions thereby ensuring that *Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Italica* can keep pace with the stiff competition among scientific journals and make its own unique positive contribution, giving voice to the exciting innovations and original experiences generated in this challenging and stimulating field.

Sincerely,

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