

DEAN'S NOTE

As a Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, it is an honor and a privilege for me to address the scientific community in this first issue of the newly formed journal Academic Medical Journal established by our Faculty.

I would like to emphasize that for more than seven decades the Faculty of Medicine has played a significant role in the educational, scientific and health development of our country. In this everlasting process the Faculty has shown its high competency by taking noble actions in offering its intellectual potential in the field of medicine. From a historical perspective, the Faculty of Medicine has continuously applied and upgraded the current scientific notions and achievements since its establishment. The crucial mission of the Faculty has been to equally and continually develop the educational, scientific-research and health activities and thus has explicitly proved that during the past decades has built a significant position in our country. Doctors graduated from this Faculty, specialists in different fields of medicine, those holding a MS and Ph degree in medicine, academicians, ministers, members of Parliament, rectors and vice-rectors have given an enormous contribution to the development of the Faculty and of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, but also in many other segments of the social life in our country and beyond. Numerous generations have justified the trust instilled by their predecessors. All of them have written the medical history in our country, creating today a field for development of the current and future generations. It is a privilege of today's generation of the Faculty employees to work in a prestigious institution, built and developed over the last seven decades, but at the same time to follow the example of their predecessors and to continue the development and improvement of all activities in the forthcoming period.

Departments of the Faculty are actively involved in the research activities of the basic and clinical areas as well as in the public health sector. Members of the departments are renowned scientists and experts in their narrower fields of interest; they have rich collaboration and exchange of ideas, knowledge and expertise with their colleagues from Europe and worldwide.

The Faculty of Medicine also participates in realization of projects financed by the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and by the Ministry of Education of R. N. Macedonia. The Faculty has been included in international projects in cooperation with established educational and scientific institutions in the world or with companies and firms.

The teaching and research staff of the Faculty has published numerous articles in relevant domestic and foreign journals. According to the data obtained from Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics), of the entire publication activity of Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, one third of all publications have been written by the staff of the Faculty of Medicine. The results presented in the publications are the mirror of the development of the medical science, of the improvement of the teaching-educational and health-applicative activities of the Faculty.

All this was the motive for establishing this journal at the Faculty of Medicine, in which our staff and all interested researchers in the field of medicine will be able to publish the results of their research.

It is with profound pleasure and anticipation that we celebrate the launch of the Acad Med J with this inaugural issue. On behalf of the AMJ Editorial Board, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the readership of AMJ. I take this opportunity to thank our authors,

editors and anonymous reviewers, all of whom have volunteered to contribute to the success of the journal.

Acad Med J provides an ideal forum for exchange of information on all topics in the field of medicine. We welcome contributions that can demonstrate near-term practical usefulness, particularly contributions that take a multidisciplinary / convergent approach because many real world problems are complex in nature. Therefore, we are committed to publishing all discoveries, methods, resources, and reviews that significantly advance the field of medicine and its applications.

I close this message by inviting each and everyone to submit their exciting research to Acad Med J. With your support as authors, reviewers, and editors, I see very bright prospects for Acad Med J to serve science and the scientific community even better in the future.

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