

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers, Dear Colleagues,

I would like to welcome everyone who reads the International Maritime Health. I have been entrusted with the position of the new Editor-in-Chief of IMH and I feel very honoured and appreciated. For many years I have been a reader of this journal, next a fan and subsequently I had the opportunity of co-creating it as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board.

Problems of people working at sea have been close to my heart because of my long-term work in the Institute of Maritime and Tropical Medicine in Gdynia in Poland. Moreover, my participation in the meetings of the International Maritime Health Association enables contacts to be made with the eminent specialists of maritime, tropical, travel and hyperbaric medicine, telemedicine and other fields and domains connected with the sea work and the safety of life.

The editing of the journal has been handed over to me by Professor Bogdan Jaremin, the man to whom IMH owes a lot. Thanks to his efforts, the journal has grown into substantially rich and issued in a modern way, and also its range of distribution and accessibility have increased radically. The expanding of the editorial office has resulted in the increasing of the number of authors writing to the IMH and also journal's associates. Thanking Professor Jaremin we hope, that he will support us with his knowledge and experience as he promised and that he will remain the active Honorary Editor.

Apart from that, I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Eilif Dahl, holding the position of the Deputy Editor-in-Chief for his previous input in IMH, asking him at the same time to remain active at this position. His merits, assistance and contribution to the IMH quality are invaluable.

The role of the Polish Society of Maritime, Tropical and Travel Medicine and the Norwegian Centre for Maritime Medicine in Bergen into IMH issuing is priceless.

I would like to direct great thanks to the IMHA Presidents, especially to dr Suresh Idnani and dr Alf Magne Horneland, and also to Board of Directors for their assistance and patronage.

It is also my hope that further cooperation with the publisher, Via Medica, will proceed successfully.

At the end I would like to affirm that I will make every effort for IMH further development and for it to become more modern and esteemed journal on the scientific editorial market.

My ambition is to fulfil the criteria for the Impact Factor index. It could be possible and based not only on my hard work, but also thanks to the commitment and activity of the whole society of the maritime health. All of this has to transfer into the quantity and quality – substantial values of the published articles. Finally, I would like to give my sincere thanks to the Editorial Board and the Editorial Advisory Board for their previous work and ask for the further support.

I am counting on you very much.

Maria Jeżewska
IMH Editor-in-Chief