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Editorial

Letter to the Readership of the Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery



The *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery*, a premier research and educational platform of the Polish Neurological Society has a long and accomplished history. During the XXIII Congress of the Polish Neurological Society in Gdansk in October of 2017, after open and competitive selection process two new chief editors were selected by the leadership of the Polish Neurological Society to serve as Editors-in-Chief of the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* commencing their responsibilities for the journal editorship on January 1, 2018. We are honored to serve in this capacity and we would like to thank the leadership of the Polish Neurological Society for their trust in our abilities and for the support.

Under the leadership of previous editor, Professor Andrzej Szczudlik, the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* underwent a major transformation from a local national journal published almost exclusively in Polish language to an internationally recognized journal entirely published in English language. The current 2016 impact factor of the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* makes the journal well positioned among other journals in the category of clinical neurology and neurosurgery, and it is comparable among the journals of other neurological and neurosurgical societies such as for example *Nervenarzt*, *Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences* or *British Journal of Neurosurgery*. We believe that the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* has even larger potentials and its current impact factor can be further increased.

We plan to introduce new sections and new categories of articles into the already well balanced structure of the journal. These new categories will include point of view articles, editorials related to the original articles published in particular issue, invited reviews, short communications, and letters on original observations. We plan to closely collaborate with leadership of the Polish Neurological Society and Polish Neurosurgery Society, and to continue to serve as a communication vehicle of these two societies with their memberships. The articles related to introduction of new medication on the Polish market, new surgical equipment, guideline articles on important policies and procedures endorsed by these societies will have priorities in publication process. We would like to establish collaboration with other Polish societies that have overlapping interests such as for example Polish Society of Spinal Surgery, Polish Neuroscience Society, Polish Society of Clinical Neurophysiology, Polish

Psychiatric Association, and others. The collaboration with regional and international neurological and neurosurgical societies might prove to be also rewarding. In this regard we plan to expand the Scientific Editorial Board membership for the international scientists, educators, and clinicians engaged in research to guide us in the process of selecting the best possible articles and assist us in planning the future policies for the journal. We would very much like to create a new section for the physicians in training, residents and fellows to publish their work. We would be particularly interested in their review articles in which they can provide new and refreshing views on the existing shortcomings, needs in neurological and neurosurgical fields, or hypothesize about the future research directions.

We would also like to enhance a visibility of the *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery* during the national and regional congresses, conferences and meetings. We will be open to publishing the proceedings that would include review articles based on lectures delivered by nationally and internationally acclaimed neurologists, neurosurgeons, and scientists.

We will strive to meet the needs and expectations of our readership, and we will welcome any comments and suggestions for improvements.

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