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Editorial

The International Papillomavirus Society and its new journal, Papillomavirus Research



With the debut of its new journal, Papillomavirus Research, the International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS) is coming of age. Known also by its acronym PVR, Papillomavirus Research reflects the most ambitious effort yet by IPVS to communicate the best of papillomavirus research to the world, and to serve as the voice of the papillomavirus community.

The mission of the IPVS is to facilitate research on human and animal papillomaviruses and their associated diseases, and to promote the translation of research results into new clinical applications and public health policies. Founded more than 10 years ago, IPVS has evolved from an operation run by a small group of dedicated papillomavirus scientists to an international organization with a permanent secretariat. The means by which IPVS accomplishes its mission is by organizing international papillomavirus conferences, providing travel scholarships to these meetings, hosting a website with member contact information, scientific databases, jobs board, news and future meeting announcements. In the near future, IPVS will organize small regional themed conferences, and will articulate and communicate official IPVS policy statements on a range of topics of importance to the papillomavirus community. To this growing list of IPVS activities we now add the publication of the official journal of the IPVS, Papillomavirus Research.

Establishment of PVR is a critical step in the evolution of IPVS. It will serve as a key form of communication among the members of the papillomavirus community. Through its open access model, it will allow the papillomavirus community and IPVS to communicate with scientists around the world who work in other disciplines, fostering inter-disciplinary science and innovation. It will be multi-disciplinary reflecting the broad range of scientific inquiry in the

papillomavirus field. It will be a means by which the papillomavirus community can speak with one voice to the rest of the world regarding issues of global importance such as prevention of papillomavirus-associated cancers and continued investment in research. In recognition of the importance of PVR, IPVS members will enjoy a subsidy to publish their work in the journal – publication will be free of charge for IPVS members through the end of 2016.

Please join me in celebrating the birth of PVR! Please help PVR to grow by submitting your research for publication in the journal, and by participating in reviews of work submitted to PVR by your colleagues. Tell your colleagues about the journal and encourage them to submit their work.

One of the great privileges of my position as President of IPVS is to represent our community. And what an amazing community it is. I can think of few other fields that can boast such a talented, welcoming inter-disciplinary group from every region of the world. IPVS strives to support the many interests of our community. So, please join IPVS and participate in IPVS activities. Join an IPVS committee. Join the IPVS board. Organize an IPVS-sponsored meeting. Post some material to the IPVS website. And now... publish in PVR!

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