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EDITORIAL

With this fourth regular issue, we complete one more, 41st year (volume 41) of successful appearance of our journal *Acta clinica Croatica*. Last year, we celebrated the 155th anniversary of the journal publisher, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital from Zagreb. During the year 2002, four supplements in addition to the four regular issues were published. Supplement 1 contains papers from the Third Croatian Congress of Radiology with International Participation; Supplement 2 papers from the Symposium of Endourology; and Supplement 3 papers from the First Congress of the Croatian Society of Neurovascular Disorders of the Croatian Medical Association, and Second Congress of the Croatian Society for Stroke Prevention. Supplement 4 has been dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the independent activity of the University Department of Ophthalmology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital.

Thus, it should be admitted that the editors have done great, twofold job, as eight issues of the journal have appeared during the year, including four regular issues and four supplements. However, as stated many times before, there would be little job for the editors had it not been for the authors who persistingly and with great enthusiasm write their contributions and submit them for publication in the journal. Therefore, our thanks are due to all our authors for their valuable papers received and accepted for publication. We take this opportunity to invite all potential authors to continue writing and submitting their

contributions, among which the most appropriate will be selected, following the peer review procedure, to appear in the forthcoming issues of the journal.

Unfortunately, like most other scientific journals, we cannot bring all the papers received because of the reviewers' opinion. The peer review procedure has nowadays become a standard for all scientific periodicals, and our Editorial Board's policy is to strictly comply with it. So, every paper received is referred for anonymous review to at least two independent peer reviewers. It is only upon the receipt of favorable evaluation by both reviewers that the paper is considered for publication by the Editorial Board. We are proud to emphasize the fact that recently, ever more papers submitted for publication in *Acta clinica Croatica* turn out to meet the requirements of international peer review. We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all our reviewers for the great job of reviewing the papers, as such a periodical could not appear without their valuable efforts and contribution. We do hope indeed that they will continue doing so in the future as well.

And the last but not the least: the process of extending and enriching our Editorial Council has been continued, so that several renowned experts in various fields of medicine have joined it this year. We are deeply grateful to them all for their support to our journal.

Kindly inviting you to continue our pleasant and fruitful cooperation, we wish you Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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