

New face of *Archives of Medical Science*

I am pleased to present the fourth 2006 issue of *Archives of Medical Science* (AMS). I hope the articles included are interesting for you and will encourage you to read future as well as archive issues of AMS. I look forward to your suggestions and opinions. I will be glad to receive any comments or letters to the Editor regarding the manuscripts we have already published. This form of communication between authors and readers is the best way to exchange opinions and engage in matter-of-fact debate.

First I would like to thank the people who helped me with the current *Archives of Medical Science*, especially our Publishing Editor, **Ms Mirosława Huk**, for her well-aimed advice and commitment, and great patience in this exceptionally hard work.

I would also like to invite all AMS's readers to acquaint themselves with the great review articles by **Prof. Dominic Prezioso** et al. (entitled: *The enigma of prostatitis. Some historical perspectives on the pathogenesis of prostatitis*), and **Dr. Krzysztof Wranicz** (entitled: *Cardiovascular and metabolic effects of estrogen in men*). I am sure they will be of interest.

I would like to inform you that the editorial staff of AMS and our publisher, Termedia Publishing House, have decided that beginning with the current issue we will collect a nominal charge (=70 Euro) from authors for publication in our journal. This is strictly connected with the journal's development plans, e.g. with the forthcoming increase in issues published per year (bimonthly) and with the indexation of AMS in payable medical databases.

I would like to inform you that Archives of Medical Science has already been indexed in: EMBASE, Chemical Abstracts CAS, CAB Abstracts, SciFinder, Scopus, **EBSCO A-to-Z**, GEOBASE, Index Copernicus (IC), National Library of Medicine (NLM), Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Global Health Databases, **Abstracts on Hygiene and Communicable Diseases**, EMNursing, Compendex, KBN (MNII), Mosby Yearbooks, J-Gate, British Library online, OpenMED, Geneva Foundation Free Medical Journals and Polish Medical Library (GBL). We are still waiting for the results of indexation in Index Medicus/Medline (February 2007), and ISI Journal Master List (2007). Finally I would like to inform you that following recent evaluation AMS has received a new predicted value in the Index Copernicus Database: 5.87 IC (5 pt. KBN). It is the highest KBN score a journal can receive without the impact factor.

Once again, I would like to invite all scientists to join our Review Board. In my opinion it is a great chance to widen their knowledge and to meet great scientists from all over the world. You should simply enter your personal information on the website: www.ams.termedia.pl in the section New reviewer. Finally, I am happy to announce that the average duration of the review process for manuscripts accepted for all 4 issues in 2006 was only about 4 weeks. All the members of the Editorial Board of *Archives of Medical Science* deserve credit for this achievement.

Happy reading!
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Editor-in-Chief