

## Expanding research, relevance, and reach

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**W**e are very excited to become the new Editor-in-Chief and Associate-Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Research*! We are following on the heels of the great work that Profs Olaf Dammann and Pierre Gressens have accomplished for the journal and intend on building on their legacy as well as expanding the research, relevance, and reach of the journal. Profs Dammann and Gressens had three consistent key objectives: (i) to internationalize *Pediatric Research*; (ii) to further broaden its scope and relevance, and (iii) to encourage young scientists to submit papers to the Journal. We wish to further these objectives. We will encourage scientists from Africa, South and Central America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Southeast Asia to submit their work to *Pediatric Research*. We will expand the scope and relevance by encouraging manuscripts on population health and epidemiology. We will encourage scientists who explore the interface of pediatrics and other fields of inquiry such as exposure assessment, food production, and addiction. We will continue to support young scientists by (i) inviting them personally to submit their papers to *Pediatric Research*, (ii) awarding travel support each year for best articles, and (iii) featuring an article in every issue of a young investigator. The feature would include a short bio, a video interview, and the cover picture.

To expand on these promises, we put forth this vision for *Pediatric Research*: expanding research, relevance, and reach. To expand the research, we propose several new sections: quality improvement, pediatric environmental health, methodology, and technology/media. Many academic pediatricians are involved in quality improvement projects but have limited choices of journals in which to publish them. We encourage their submission to *Pediatric Research*. We will be publishing guidelines for these articles and soliciting a quality improvement methodology review article so that these articles will meet the high standard of the journal. We will expand the editorial board to appropriately review these articles.

To expand the relevance, we will develop *Pediatric Research* into the go-to resource for research implications. We will be requiring authors to submit two to three bullet points on the significance of their research. These bullet points will be published along with their article if accepted. We will also invite more review articles in areas where research is rapidly

advancing the field to highlight the significance of this research to scientists and clinicians.

We will be extending the reach of the journal by (i) an expanded presence on social media; (ii) attracting a wider child health audience by requesting translational review articles, encouraging articles on qualitative, implementation and health services research, and translational pediatrics; and (iii) expanding the presence of the Journal at Pediatric Academic Societies and European Society for Paediatric Research annual meetings with possible workshops, symposia, editors presence at the Nature Publishing Group booth; and (iv) extending personal invitations for article submission during the European Society for Paediatric Research and Pediatric Academic Societies meetings.

*Pediatric Research* is the official journal of the European Society for Paediatric Research, American Pediatric Society, and Society for Pediatric Research, overseen by the board of the International Pediatric Research Foundation, an organization composed of members of the three societies. The mission of the International Pediatric Research Foundation is to ensure the success of the journal. But what is success? We wish to engage in an ongoing discussion with the board of the International Pediatric Research Foundation, the editorial board, and the members of the three societies on how to define and strategize the success of *Pediatric Research*. Success of the journal for the societies could be defined as (i) scientific—the journal advances the field of knowledge in pediatric health by publishing the best of basic, clinical, and translational research that impacts pediatrics; (ii) growth—the development of young pediatric investigators in their career advancement, both as authors and as reviewers and (iii) financial—the journal raises revenue for the three societies. Success for the journal could be defined as support from the societies evidenced by submitting their manuscripts to the journal, reviewing manuscripts for the journal and continued financial support of the International Pediatric Research Foundation.

And, finally, we also want you, the members of European Society for Paediatric Research, American Pediatric Society, and Society for Pediatric Research, to know that we are committed, passionate, creative, and dedicated and fully intend to enjoy the next 5 years working for all of you through our commitment to the journal.

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