

EDITORIAL

Looking back and looking ahead

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Time has wings. It is hard to believe that we are already getting to the end of 2010—meaning it is time to write another editorial.

In response to the last editorial message in which I shared our wishes and plans to develop the journal in 2010, we got many messages and feedbacks from readers and colleagues. I'd like to express my belated gratitude to all those senders, for their kind participation—it was indeed a very nice and encouraging interaction. Expecting for the same thing to happen again (and looking forward to that), I'd like to put a 'letter from the editor' to readers to give updates and plans for 2011.

As announced in January 2010, we started to publish a set of review articles collected under same research themes to run in 3–4 consecutive issues per topic. Until now, we've covered (*Pro*)Renin Receptor, Diurnal Variation in Blood Pressure, Salt Intake & Inflammation in Hypertension and published 14 reviews in total. We are proud that we were able to solicit and publish best reviews of the field—making the series a very attractive collection. We are also pleased that these are very well received by readers, and they are often found in the list of 'most frequently viewed and downloaded articles' throughout the year. I hereby thank all series editors and editorial staff for their tireless efforts to make such attractive reviews available in *Hypertension Research*.

We are gladly continuing this 'Review Series' in 2011 onwards. Recently, Editorial Committee had discussed new topics for this year and below four topics have come up:

Role of oxidative stress in hypertension and cardiovascular diseases

New aspects of the sympathetic nervous system in Hypertension

Gender Difference in Hypertension

Genetics in Hypertension

With these selections, I hope *Hypertension Research's* Review Series would continue to attract many readers.

Number of 'Commentary' articles appearing in each issue has been increasing. They are very useful guidelines and introductions to the research papers appearing in the same issue, and I am sure

readers find them interesting to read, along with the main articles. I thank all those who contributed very interesting, thought-provoking commentary articles this year and will look forward to reading forthcoming ones.

We had higher proportion of papers submitted from Asian, European and North American countries in 2010—making the share by Japanese papers up to 33%, as compared with 45% in 2009. We see this as a result of the effort to make *Hypertension Research* better known, more visible and easier to find on internet and welcome the trend. Although country proportion of papers actually published has not yet been affected by this, we are expecting to see this happen in future. *Hypertension Research* shall grow as the prominent international research arena and active platform of communication.

As the journal grows, however, editorial office receives more papers, and more papers mean more works for editors and reviewers. We sometimes see difficulty in processing all received manuscripts in expected time period, due to limited availability of reviewers and amount of tasks loaded to editorial board members, who are at the same time busy as doctors and scientists too. While I am truly appreciating their tremendous help and support for the journal, I realize the journal needs to find ways to improve situations and continue discussion with core members of the Editorial Board. I'll keep working hard.

In closing this message, I'd like to acknowledge those reviewers who helped us reading manuscripts and make decisions in 2010. *Hypertension Research* is fully relying on their expert knowledge and warm support. The following individuals provided reviews of papers submitted to *Hypertension Research* from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010:

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