

Dear Reader,

Once again we've reached the final issue of the year for *Drug Safety* and we hope that you have found the articles published throughout 2007 to be both interesting and informative. The editor and publishing staff have appreciated the high quality of content contributed to the journal this year and the forward programme for 2008 looks set to build upon these standards as we continue to keep you up-to-date with topical issues.

We are also pleased to advise you of a number of important developments to affect the Wolters Kluwer Health | Adis journals' portfolio in 2007. This year saw the implementation of our manuscript tracking system Editorial Manager™, which has streamlined the publishing process for authors, reviewers and editors alike. The new system can be accessed at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/adis/default.asp>, and we invite you to use it when submitting your manuscripts to *Drug Safety* in the future.

The year has brought further recognition of the quality of a number of our titles, with new ISI impact factors reflecting our global standing. *Sports Medicine*, our premier sports medicine review journal, was ranked number one in the Sports Science category, with an impact factor of 3.504. Also worthy of mention, *Drugs* increased its impact factor to 4.472, *CNS Drugs* increased to 4.210 and *BioDrugs* to 2.768. The impact factor of *Drug Safety* increased to 3.673.

We would like to draw your attention to some of the most significant content published in the *Drug Safety* in 2007. These articles reflect important collaborations with leading academics and researchers working in the safety area. In March, we published *The Erice Manifesto for Global Reform of the Safety of Medicines in Patient Care*. This position paper was drawn up at the international workshop on future perspectives in pharmacovigilance held in June 2006. In May, we published *Guidelines for Submitting Adverse Event Reports for Publication*, an important collaborative effort between the journal staff and the International Societies of Pharmacoeepidemiology (ISPE) and Pharmacovigilance (ISoP).

Other titles that should be recognised include *Sports Medicine*, which was selected to publish the proceedings of the 2006 World Congress on the Science and Medicine of the Marathon and the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Medicine*, which worked in tandem with the European Forum for Good Clinical Practice to produce the first comprehensive report on *The Procedure for the Ethical Review of Protocols for Clinical Research Projects in the European Union*.

We are also pleased to announce the launch of a new title in the Adis portfolio. *The Patient: Patient-Centred Outcomes Research* is to be published in collaboration with Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and has been hailed as a ground-breaking medical journal that puts the spotlight on patient-centred medicine. *The Patient* will consider original research (clin-

ical trials, observational studies, surveys and methodological contributions), reviews, current opinion and correspondence from individuals, societies and stakeholders. Further information about the new journal can be found at <http://thepatient.adisonline.com>.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the authors who have contributed articles to *Drug Safety* in the last 12 months. Without their hard work and diligence we would not have been able to publish the journal. The quality of published articles reflects also the significant time and effort dedicated by the peer reviewers who ensure that we continue to publish content of the highest possible standard. Therefore, in addition to the members of our editorial board, we would like to thank the following individuals who acted as referees for articles published in *Drug Safety* in 2007:

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