

Dear Readers

Once again, we have reached the final issue of the year for *Drugs* and we hope that you have found the articles published throughout 2007 to be both interesting and informative. The editors 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 in the field of drug therapy.

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 *Drugs* 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. *Drugs* increased its impact factor to 4.472, *CNS Drugs* increased to 4.210, *Drug Safety* to 3.673 and *BioDrugs* to 2.768. Significantly, *Sports Medicine*, our premier sports medicine review journal, was ranked number one in the Sports Science category, with an impact factor of 3.504.

We would like to draw your attention to some significant content published in 2007. These articles reflect important collaborations with leading scientists from both academia and industry. *Drug Safety* published *Guidelines for Submitting Adverse Event Reports for Publication*; an important collaborative effort between the journal staff and the International Societies of Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE) and Pharmacovigilance (ISoP). *Sports Medicine* 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* 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 Wolters Kluwer Health | Adis portfolio. *The Patient: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research* is to be published in collaboration with the 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 (clinical trials, observational studies, surveys and methodological contributions), reviews, current opinions and correspondence from individuals, societies and stakeholders. Further information about the new journal can be found at <http://thepatient.adisonline.com>.

Importantly, we would like to say a big thank you to all of the authors who have contributed articles to *Drugs* 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 also reflects the significant time and effort dedicated by the peer reviewers who ensure that we continue to publish content of the highest possible standard. We would like to take the opportunity to welcome Professors Lawrence Du Buske, Michael Kleerekoper, Per Eystein Lønning, Arshag D. Mooradian, Charles H. Nightingale and Rafael Rosell to the Honorary Editorial Board, while thanking most sincerely those members who retired this year, Professors Peter N. Bennett, Edward C. Huskisson, Helios Pardell and Brian N.C. Prichard. In addition to the members of our Honorary Editorial Board, we would like to thank the following individuals who acted as referees for articles published in *Drugs* in 2007:

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