Editor's Corner

Letter from the Editors

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***Dermato-Endocrinology*, is a new platform for clinicians and scientists interested in the role of the skin as an endocrine, autocrine or paracrine organ.**

We are very pleased to announce the launch of *Dermato-Endocrinology*, a new peer-reviewed international journal, published by Landes Bioscience. The aim of this journal is to serve as a forum for this rapidly growing and exciting field that has been underestimated for much too long. The skin represents a fascinating, unique and important endocrine organ that may also act in an autocrine or paracrine fashion. During the last decades, our knowledge about the functions and importance of the skin as an endocrine organ has greatly increased. Targets for many of the classical endocrine pathways, including parathyroid hormone related peptide-, thyroid hormone- and vitamin D pathways have now also been found in the skin. Consequently, the cutaneous endocrine system is of importance not only for a broad variety of common skin diseases, such as acne vulgaris, androgenetic alopecia and hirsutism, but also for systemic diseases. An example of this relationship is the importance of cutaneous vitamin D synthesis for bone health and reducing the risk of chronic deadly diseases including common cancers, autoimmune disorders, infectious diseases and cardiovascular disease.

Consequently, clinical and laboratory investigations in the field of dermatology-endocrinology have increased continuously in recent years. We hope that our journal will advance dermatology-endocrinology by providing a prominent and exciting venue for relevant research.

Dermato-Endocrinology is a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary journal. We will publish several types of papers, including original research articles, reviews and commentaries. Original papers will cover topics important in the field, including aging, environmental health, epidemiology, epigenetics, genetics, gerontology, molecular biology, nutrition/nutrigenomics, oncology, physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology and photobiology. We realize that new developments in methodology and techniques are an important resource for the research community. Therefore, a section of the journal will address the latest developments in methodology. Reviews will generally be invited. Occasionally, issues or supplementary issues will cover international conferences specifically dedicated to the latest finding in several fields of endocrinology of the skin.

Initially, we will publish bimonthly, incrementally increasing the frequency to 12 issues over the years. The length of each issue will be 80–100 pages and will appear in print and online. We shall try to provide rapid online peer review. The publisher, Landes Bioscience, currently

publishes a series of journals of this type (*Cell Cycle, Cancer Biology & Therapy, Autophagy, Human Vaccines, RNA Biology, Epigenetics*). The average time from submission to communication of the decision of acceptance (or rejection) for the current journals is one month. We and the editorial board shall support the maintenance of this rapid turn around of our research communities' work. Once accepted, a paper is published online within three weeks.

We hope that we will have a successful start and that our new journal will become a prominent venue for the fascinating field of dermatology-endocrinology that has been underappreciated until recently!