Thanks to Dr. Quan and the Next Chapter for JCSM

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In 2005, the AASM published Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine (JCSM)*. Under the direction of Dr. Stuart Quan, his associate editors, editorial board and the AASM publishing staff, *JCSM* has become a highly relevant resource for sleep medicine practitioners. There have been a number of changes over the last 10 years and in its current version, *JCSM* has developed into a must read for those practicing sleep medicine. The AASM Board of Directors plans to honor Dr. Quan and his superb leadership of *JCSM* by presenting him with the inaugural Stuart Quan Award for Editorial Distinction at SLEEP 2015 in Seattle, WA. This award will subsequently be given annually to an associate editor or editorial board member providing stellar work for *JCSM*. As I take over the helm as the editor-in-chief, I am grateful for Dr. Quan's dedication to making this one of the premier sleep journals.

Going forward, *JCSM* will remain a journal dedicated to publishing cutting edge clinical research and as the repository for all of the AASM practice parameters, clinical guidelines and other clinically relevant documents generated by the AASM Board of Directors or taskforces. Although there is not a plan to be a "slave" to the impact factor, there will be an emphasis on improving the overall impact factor. To be considered a major journal, one of its most important initiatives is to attract the best clinical papers. One process the journal will implement is a "fast track" policy for papers that the associate editors and editor deem of high enough value to allow authors to get their data published expeditiously. I have also asked the members of the AASM Board of Directors, the associate editors and the editorial board to consider publishing their high quality clinical papers here and to solicit their colleagues to do the same.

You will see a few changes over the next year. The Sleep Medicine Pearls section will become a highlighted feature on the website, with multimedia presentations being emphasized. There will be an emphasis to entice sleep medicine program

directors to use it both to assist in fellow teaching and to encourage their fellows to publish their interesting and compelling pearls here. The journal will also publish regular "point-counterpoint" editorials with the content specifically demonstrating controversial areas, additionally requiring each author to directly address what research needs to be done to reduce the controversy. Along those same lines, for research related manuscripts, authors will be asked (not mandated) to include a "Future Directions" section in their manuscript to highlight potential research areas.

To give the journal a more global reach it will be adding some papers addressing how sleep medicine is practiced or approached in different parts of the world. Similarly, given the lightning fast changes going on in healthcare, look for an additional section on practice improvement and coding to assist providers in strengthening their practices as the affordable care act and other mandates begin to impact how we care for patients.

Finally, you will see regular "tweeting" from the editor about each issue and "hot topics." So for those of you without a Twitter account, you will be missing out! With the board's approval, the AASM will be sending out a survey to see what the members like or dislike about the journal in an attempt to tailor it more to our readers. Please devote 5–10 minutes to filling out the survey and help us make this the best journal it can be.

I am honored to be taking over the large shoes that Dr. Quan has left as the editor-in-chief of *JCSM*. My overarching goal is to keep it on its path to being the premier clinical sleep journal in the world.

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