



## Editorial 2005

Welcome to the Journal of Dermatological Science (JDS) and our January 2005 issue. Two years have past since I became the Chief Editor in January 2003.

We have made several major changes in JDS during the year 2004. I would like to explain the changes we have implemented in order to improve the scientific impact and quality of the journal:

### (1) JDS becomes a monthly journal

JDS will become a monthly issued journal from 2005 (increasing from nine issues each year). Publishing 12 issues in the year should certainly improve the JDS scientific impact, both in its quality and quantity of publications.

### (2) Electronic submission and peer reviewing system

JDS began a web-based submission and reviewing system in July 2004. By introducing this electronic system, the time it takes for the reviewing process to be completed has been significantly shortened. It is now easier for authors to submit their manuscripts without the need for time-consuming, expensive mailing costs. More people will now be able to submit their work from anywhere in the world. Please note that as of 1 January 2005, JDS will be accepting online-only submissions. Hardcopy will cease to be an acceptable form of submission.

### (3) Free color figures, two-color font, new cover

We have also started using a two-color font from the June 2004 issue. Using these two colors, in addition to the free color figures, we can provide a more colorful and attractive journal for all our readers. In addition, 2005 introduces the new cover for JDS.

### (4) Worldwide based journal

The number of submitted articles to JDS is increasing. While JDS is the official journal of the Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology (JSID, with over 1400 active members), more than 50% of our submissions are from out-

side of Japan. The pivotal role of JDS is to provide a fair and high scientific impact forum for dermatological research on a global basis.

### (5) Attractive, high quality, invited review articles in every issue

JDS continues to publish high-impact, up-to-date and invited review articles in each issue. In order to better introduce the leading scientific researchers to you, we have started to include concise curriculum vitae and photos of the key people involved in each invited review article.

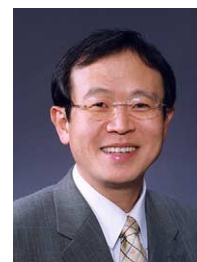
### (6) Reasonable non-member subscription price:

We have set a new personal annual subscription price for non-members of JSID at €200 (Euro) so that more people can read JDS.

### (7) Impact factor 1.626

The JDS impact factor has increased to 1.626 (2003). We continue to strive to maintain a higher JDS scientific impact for the year 2005.

I hope that all our readers find JDS to be more attractive in 2005, both scientifically and in journal presentation. If you have any inquiries or comments for JDS, please access the JDS website or feel free to contact me at the JDS office.



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