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# EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

You are opening the first issue of the Central European Journal of Public Health. Those of you who belonged to the readership of the former Journal of Hygiene, Epidemiology, Microbiology and Immunology – published for 36 years by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic – will find that the new journal is following its tradition and is, in a certain sense, its direct successor. Nevertheless, we wish to draw it closer to contemporary conditions and current needs. It has therefore acquired not only a new title and profile, but also a new look.

The publishing obligations of the Ministry of Health have been taken over by the National Institute of Public Health, Prague (the former Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology) which is undergoing transformation in line with the new concept of health care and is taking over an eminent role in public health.

The editing board is the Jan Evangelista Purkyně Memorial Czech Medical Society.

We are fully aware of the fact that if this journal is to meet our expectations and become a representative and reputable source of information for all public health workers, it requires a wide circle of external co-workers, a sufficient influx of contributed papers, their exacting selection, and much other work connected with the publishing of such a journal.

The circle of external co-workers is gradually taking shape and we endeavour to make it dynamic, open, and active on a number of levels. Its core will be formed by the leading editorial group of workers of the NIPH and managing editors who, along with their chairman, will account for all current activities. The selection of papers for each issue will be judged by the editorial board made up of Czech specialists. From the body of external co-workers we intend to set up an international editorial board, within one or two years which will direct the overall concept of the Journal, delineate its development and professional profile and, under favourable circumstances, convene every two or three years.

The remaining foreign co-workers might form an international board of contributing editors – effectively corresponding editors – a flexible body changing according to circumstances, requirements, and activities.

We are resolved to do everything possible for the CEJPH to successfully overcome all obstacles and cope with problems which, especially at the beginning, could appear.

I trust that with your help we shall succeed.

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