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Launching the Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine

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Congratulations to the publisher, members of the editorial board of the journal, and future authors and readers for launching the Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine as a new member of the Edorium series journal family!

I invite for submissions in all fields of occupational and environmental medicine to our new international, peer-reviewed, open access journal. This journal welcomes all contributions regarding occupational and environmental health and safety and promises rapid peer-review and publication of quality manuscripts.

The journal aims to cover exposures as well as health outcomes in all disciplines of relevance for occupational and environmental medicine such as e.g. toxicology, ergonomics, infections, psychology, physiology, accidents and sociology, and to deal with disorders in any tissue such as the skin, airways, musculoskeletal or nervous system that can be related to external adverse exposures. The journal also covers topics such as chemical exposures, toxic waste, risk assessment, industrial processes and the role of the environment in human disease. In addition to the health outcomes of exposures, the consequences of ill health in terms of work-absence, rehabilitation and return to work are key issues to be considered.

Research based on epidemiological methods as well as on narratives and qualitative data are equally appreciated. It is recognized that occupational and environmental health issues requires an interdisciplinary approach. Consequently, contributions will not be limited to

medical researchers but are welcomed from all relevant fields of research.

Most current research that addresses occupational and environmental health is conducted and published from researchers in the developed parts of the world. However, this research is characterized by circumstances with higher environmental standards and therefore generally low exposures. In contrast, the developing and newly industrialized countries experience the most serious challenges with regard to occupational and environmental health and at the same time they are less prepared for their mitigation. I, therefore, particularly welcome contributions from researchers in countries that have a particular need of improvement with regard to the health of their workers and population as a whole.

Sharing any new ways of assessing exposures and health effects, and any academic issues and experiences relating to their application, improvement and effects in the clinical setting as well as in preventive fieldwork is the main objective for our journal.

All sorts of articles are accepted: Editorials aim to introduce and comment on major advances and developments in the field, to review representative achievements, comment on the state of current research and propose directions for future research. Reviews discuss a single topic in detail. They may deal with a defined exposure or disorder, or present the environment of a specific job or trade and the related health and safety outcomes. Reviews should systemically review progress and obstacles in the field, comment on the state of current research and make suggestions for future work. Historically, scientific advances and important breakthroughs have all been facilitated by well-developed methodologies or techniques. Likewise, any findings, conclusions and theories that temporarily predominate can later be proved wrong and misleading. Reviews on historical material that may contribute to the understanding of current challenges and provide ways to proceed are particularly welcome. Original articles present innovative and original findings from clinical or empiric research and may include cross-sectional studies, randomized controlled trials, intervention studies, case-control studies, longitudinal studies,

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studies of screening and diagnostic tests and cost-effectiveness analyses. For epidemiological studies it is emphasized that valid definitions of exposures as well as effects are as paramount as the adequacy of the applied statistical methods and that absence of evidence does not necessarily implicate an absence of effect. Short reports and rapid communications briefly report novel findings or developments, or important preliminary observations, e.g. from a pilot study. Case series (two to six similar cases) and case reports (one single case) may be regarded as less meritorious to publish than original articles. They may deal with rare, atypical or interesting cases but may also be very valuable when they deal with new or rare exposures, diseases, or relations, or – even more importantly – when they describe common but overlooked phenomena. Clinical images represent distinct images from clinical medicine, radiology, or pathology, as well as images illustrating aspects of exposure, e.g. a workplace, a tool, or ambient emissions. The illustrated case should be shortly presented and discussed. Letters to the Editor discuss and reply to the comments on the contributions published in the Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine or introduce and comment on controversial issues of general interest. They can also represent a brief report of a case or results of a pilot study. Communications that have been rejected or impossible to publish elsewhere due to evident prejudice and/or unreasonable reasons may also be considered for publication in our journal. Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine is happy to publish relevant announcements giving information about conferences, meetings, seminars, symposia, courses and other items.

I am Jørgen Riis Jepsen, consultant in occupational medicine and associate professor at the University of Southern Denmark. I am now appointed as Editor-In-Chief of the Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. It is my great honor to introduce the Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine as a new forum for exchanging thoughts and experiences about any approaches to research in the field of occupational and environmental medicine.

I am pleased to announce that the first issue of the Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, on which preparation was initiated on 9 September 2015, is officially published on 01 November 2015. The Editorial Board of the Edorium Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine has now been established and currently consists of seven distinguished experts from six countries. The Board will be expanded as the Journal evolves.

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