



EDITORIAL NOTE

Thank You Note for the Emeritus Editor-in-Chief, Edwin L. Cooper: Honoring the Past and Imaging for the Future

Dr Edwin L. Cooper was the founding Editor-in-Chief of *Evidence-based Complementary and Alternative Medicine (eCAM)*, which was established in 2004. He was appointed by Wen-Ta Chiu, former president of Taipei Medical University (TMU), to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Experimental and Clinical Medicine (JECM)* in 2008 (TMU holds the copyrights of *JECM*-published articles). Under Cooper's guidance and the editorial assistance provided by Kenneth K. S. Yeh, the former executive editor, *JECM* published bimonthly 55 and 69 original and/or review articles in 2009 and 2010, respectively. Dr Cooper's contributions to the growth of the journal are significant since the citation number was increased from 16 in 1999 to 40 in 2000. The *JECM* citations under his tenure were 0.1 in January 2011 and 0.37 in February 2012; the scientific impact of *JECM* was improving, but not as great as that of *eCAM* (2.96).

A journal impact of greater than 2 can be achieved in the near future by publishing quality articles. This is the short-term goal of the newly established editorial team of the *JECM* which consists of two senior editors—Vincent W.S. Lee (for experimental sciences) and Winston W. Shen (for clinical medicine)—and several invited field editors for special issues. Our mission is to provide a journal forum for both domestic and international research scientists to report and to discuss novel biomedical and translational research from bench to bedside and vice versa. In addition, frontier research ideas as well as controversy in medical practice and medication

management or safety will be assembled and debated in respective special issues.

As noted by Winston W. Shen in the preface of this special issue on clinical psychiatry,¹ Ken N. Kuo and Gerald F. Harris edited the first special (October 2011) issue on human motor analysis,² and Yuan-Soon Ho and Chih-Hsiung Wu edited the second special (December 2011) issue on oncology.³ Additional special issues will be assembled to discuss current issues on clinical pharmacy, frontiers in sex hormone research, biomedical devices, and evidence-based medicine in the near future. Finally, Edwin L. Cooper promises to edit a special issue on evolutionary medicine in 2013 for the *JECM* that he helped to create in December 2008. Hopefully, he will continue to support the growth of *JECM* in its bid to enter the biomedical science literature database of Medline by 2013.

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