

From the Editor

... The end of a long collaborative effort... and the beginning of a new one...

This fourth issue of 2010 completes a 10-year effort by the editor and the editorial board for the continuous, dignified and smooth edition of the official Journal of the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology ANNALS OF GASTROENTEROLOGY. I must emphasize that this length of time is longer than allowed by the constitution of our Society. However, this exception was the result of a unanimous decision and order of the General Assembly of the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology to the editorial board to complete the main task that was to include the Journal in the international medical databases.

Our efforts began 10 years ago when the editor was asked by the Governing Board of the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology to accept both the scientific and administrative responsibility of the Journal. The task was not easy because the main objective of the new editorial board, namely the inclusion of the Journal in PubMed, required scientific material of high quality, adequate peer review process, internationally recognised reviewers, on time publication and even printing on recycled paper.

Among the first priorities of the new editorial board was the adoption of a new name for the Journal (ANNALS OF GASTROENTEROLOGY), its exclusive publication in English, and to publish issues of the previous two years. With the willing support of many colleagues from Greece and abroad, an adequate supply of scientific articles was possible. Our reviewers have made excellent efforts to improve the content of the articles. On the other hand the authors complied willingly with the suggestions of the reviewers, a fact that significantly improved the quality of

the articles published in the Journal. This presumption can be derived from the continuously increasing submission of articles by foreign colleagues. Currently the Journal is displayed in its electronic site at a time similar to the time of major international journals.

During the last 12 years 13 volumes in total were issued. The total number of published articles was 656 (Table 1). The number of original articles reached the level of 158, while the number of reviews (including those after invitation) was 200. We also published a large number of case reports (134) that covered a wide range of everyday's clinical gastroenterology in our country. Finally, we published 8 special topics written by invited authors from Greece and abroad, and a consensus organized by the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology. More details of the published articles are shown in Table 1.

The outgoing editor and editorial committee leave the Journal in the hands of the new editor and the new Editorial Board. I wish them both, good strength and courage to achieve a continuously high level of published scientific articles.

In conclusion, I wish to mention a phrase of Apostle Paul "*...I have struggled the good fight....*". However, whether this was done successfully or not is a matter of discretion of the readers of the Journal.

At this point I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Governing Board of the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology for its continuous support and encouragement over this long period of time. I would also like to thank the members of the Editorial Board and our reviewers for their earnest efforts to ensure publication of scientific papers of high quality. I would also like to thank Mrs Christina Rokkas for excellent professional editing of the papers, the secretary of the Journal Mrs Constantina Tzogia as well as the publisher of the Jour-

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Table 1. Number and kind of articles published in ANNALS OF GASTROENTEROLOGY during 13-years period (1998-2010, Volumes 11-23)

Year	Number of volume	Edito-rials	Current views	Reviews	Invited reviews	Original articles	Case reports	Letters to the editor	Selected Summuries	Total No of articles
1998	11		1	4		4	1		3	13
1999	12	1	2	3		17	3	1	7	34
2000	13	2	4	6	7	15	7	4	4	49
2001	14	3	1	8	13	10	14	1	2	52
2002	15	2	1	10	28	9	11	1		62
2003	16	1	5	7	11	17	18	4		63
2004	17	23	2	11	2	22	17	3		80
2005	18	15	3	9	7	13	8	4		59
2006	19	8	3	5	22	9	10	3		60
2007	20	1	1	8	13	10	4	5		42
2008	21	2	2	10		9	13	2		38
2009	22	6	3	9		11	15	5		49
2010	23	5	6	6	1	14	13	10		55
TOTAL	13	69	34	96	104	158	134	43	16	656

Special topics: 9, Book review: 1, Consensus: 1

nal Mr Stefanakis for their excellent efforts so that our journal could be printed on time and being of high level in terms of appearance. Finally, I would like to express my warmest thanks to those colleagues from Greece and abroad who sent their scientific labour to us in order to

be published in our Journal. I thank them again from the bottom of my heart.

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