

A new editorial team for *the Netherlands Journal of Medicine*

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The new year 2009 will mark the transfer of the editorial team of *the Netherlands Journal of Medicine* from Nijmegen to Amsterdam. After seven years, the Nijmegen group of Internal Medicine, under the supervision of Editors-in-Chief Jos van der Meer and subsequently Anton Stalenhoef,¹ will pass the responsibility to the Department of Medicine of the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam.

First, many thanks and congratulations are in order for the Nijmegen editorial team, as they did a splendid job in managing the Journal for so many years. Maybe the utmost goal of journal editors is to succeed in leaving the Journal in a better shape than when they took over. It is more than fair to say that the Nijmegen team has achieved that goal. *The Netherlands Journal of Medicine* has steadily improved its quality over recent years and many interesting innovative additions were made to the Journal, such as the popular photo quiz. Importantly, the Journal is listed in the Index Medicus and appears in PubMed and other scientific databases soon after its publication, and is easily accessible through the web. All these improvements have resulted in an almost doubling of the impact factor under the Nijmegen reign. The Netherlands Society of Internal Medicine is very grateful to the Nijmegen editors, and in particular to Jos van der Meer, Anton Stalenhoef, Paul Smits, Joost Drenth, Jack Wetzels and Theo Thien, for their excellent work.

The Amsterdam group has a very difficult job on its hands if in a few years we are to leave a Journal that is in an even better shape than it is now. However, that is certainly our ambition and we are happy that we can build on the solid foundations that have been laid by our predecessors. The

Department of Medicine at the Academic Medical Center has decided to form a large group of associate editors from each of the subdisciplines of medicine to cover the entire spectrum of our speciality. In addition, a group of junior associate editors, consisting of residents in training for internist and with ample research experience, has been formed to assist with peer review and editorial decision taking. The Journal will focus somewhat more on excellent review papers from national and international experts in their field and will continue to serve as a platform for the publication of interesting, original and clinically relevant case reports and case series,² including the popular photo quiz. We are confident that *the Netherlands Journal of Medicine* will remain a high-quality monthly journal that is relevant for all specialists interested in internal medicine across the world and our ambition is to further improve the fame and reputation of the Journal in the coming years.³ We hope and expect to receive the same support and positive spirit from the scientific-medical community in the Netherlands and abroad that our predecessors have met during their editorship and we foresee another series of fruitful years for *the Netherlands Journal of Medicine*.

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