



Editorial

Welcome to Journal of Otorhinolaryngology, Hearing and Balance Medicine

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To date, much progress has been achieved in the field of Otorhinolaryngology—Head and Neck surgery, as well as hearing and balance science and medicine. A large number of new techniques and methods have also recently been established. In the basic research field of sensorineural hearing loss, significant advances include: the discovery of numerous inherited deafness-associated genes [1], progress in cochlear cell development and regeneration [2], new insights on acquired hearing loss and its prevention [3], as well as auditory central physiological and pathological mechanisms [4]. The pathogenesis of otogenic vertigo, and comprehensive individualized and procedural treatment programs are becoming well-established [5]. The diagnosis and retraining therapy for tinnitus have also seen breakthroughs [6]. Advances have been made in assessment of otitis media, and its classification and treatment [7]. A groundbreaking discovery in the pathogenesis of allergic rhinitis—allergic rhinitis and its impact on asthma (ARIA)—has redefined the classification of rhinitis and allergic rhinitis [8], and the mechanism and treatment of sinusitis [9]. In addition, there have been fruitful results in research related to the pathogenesis and treatment of obstructive sleep apnea-hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS) [10], the pathogenesis of head and neck neoplasms, and molecular epidemiology [11], as well as their comprehensive treatment.

In order to provide a forum for this broad clinical and scientific field, we have established a multidisciplinary publication, the *Journal of Otorhinolaryngology, Hearing and Balance Medicine* (OHBM). We aim to publish original research articles (including basic research, translational research as well as clinical studies), review articles and case reports in all areas of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck medicine including hearing and balance science, otology, neurotology, rhinology, laryngology, head and neck surgery, bronchoesophagology, maxillofacial and plastic surgery, audiology and speech science and medicine, oncologic medicine and pediatric otorhinolaryngology, but also the quickly developing fields of allergology, skull base surgery, and sleep medicine.

We are very proud to welcome our founding Editorial Board Members, a group of more than 50 established academics and clinicians from all over the world. On behalf of the Editorial Board, we invite you to submit your manuscripts to and suggestions for OHBM and other interesting ideas for this discipline. Please see the Appendix A for the current Editorial Board leadership of the *Journal of Otorhinolaryngology, Hearing and Balance Medicine* (OHBM).

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