

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP

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The Editorial Committee of Sarcoidosis Vasculitis and Diffuse Lung Diseases met in San Diego on May 16th 2009 to assess the results of the year of the online operation. In the year 2008, 43 articles have been submitted of which 19 were accepted and published and 14 rejected. Of the remaining 10, have been published on the current issue and are pending after the or second review round, with a 53% acceptance rate. So far, 33 papers have been submitted during the current year. With this submission rate continuing, Sarcoidosis VDL D might go back to publishing three issues per year by the year 2010.

Changes have been made in the Editorial Board: Professors Ando, Bariffi, Bisetti, Gross, Haslam, Hosoda, Izumi, Kataria and Selroos have retired from academic activity and the Editorial Committee would like to acknowledge their contribution to the Journal and to the advancement of the field. In their place, the Editorial Committee nominated Carlo Albera (Turin, IT), Marc Judson (Charleston, USA), Harold R. Collard (San Francisco, USA), Juergen Behr (Munich, D), Kevin Flaherty (Ann Arbor, USA), Marc Humbert (Paris, FR).

With regard to publication policies, in consideration of the relatively large number of case reports submitted, the Editorial Committee deliberated to limit to two per issue the number of published cases, selecting reports dealing with novel pathological or mechanistic aspects of disease or cases of treatment of

rare diseases with novel drugs relevant to mechanistic understanding of disease pathogenesis.

The Committee appointed Venerino Poletti as Case Report Editor. In addition, in order to pursue the increasing clinical interest in pulmonary hypertension in diffuse lung diseases, the Editorial Committee elected to appoint a new Associate Editor in charge of the pulmonary hypertension section, which will be launched in the year 2010. The appointed Associated Editor is Dario Vizza (Rome, IT).

Finally, the Editorial Committee would like to thank all the Colleagues who have greatly contributed to the success of Sarcoidosis VDL D by serving as Reviewers: C. Albera, B. Balbi, I. Campo, S.A. Charity, P. Maestrelli, T. Colby, U. Costabel, E. Crouser, W. Drake, A. Dubaniewicz, R duBois, Y Eishiù, P. Engel, E. Girardi, J. Grunewald, D. Gupta, S. Harari, M. Judson, D. Lauro, F. Luppi, D. Moller, J. Moss, J. Muller-Quernheim, M. Mura, K. Nilsson, K. Onal, A. Pesci, V. Poletti, M. Pirizinski, M. Ramos-Casals, G. Raghu, L. Richeldi, P. Rogliani, M. Rossman, P. Rottoli, M. Schiavina, M. Selman, O. Sharma, A. Shorr, C. Tinelli, W. Travis, C. Vizza, L. Young, A. Wells and and M. Zompatori.

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