

Advancing cellular and molecular otolaryngology

It gives me great pleasure to announce the launch of the journal *Advances in Cellular and Molecular Otolaryngology (ACMO)*, the latest entrant into Co-Action Publishing's portfolio of scientific Open Access journals.

ACMO is an inter-disciplinary, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the publication of original research articles exploring the cellular and molecular events involved in the pathophysiology of oto-rhino-laryngological diseases. Being both Open Access and inter-disciplinary, *ACMO* aims to reach the wider scientific community via the Web and, thereby, facilitate a better understanding of the mechanisms underlying oto-rhino-laryngological diseases, which may ultimately lead to the development of new and efficient modes of treatment. Being unique in its scope, *ACMO* aims to promote the contributors' research findings to the benefit of the wider scientific community.

With the rapid advancement in our knowledge of human tissue engineering, genetics and immuno-regulatory events there is a need for a specialised journal that focuses on how these and related research areas may unravel the uniqueness of oto-rhino-laryngological diseases. We are looking for contributions from physicians and biomedical research scientists working in the fields of airways allergy, biological chemistry of proteins, genetics, histopathology, inflammation, immunodeficiency, immunological surveillance and tumour immunity, immunotherapy, immune-pharmacology, immunomodulation, ototoxicity and hearing science, vestibule-toxicity and equilibrium science, and voice and vocal folds.

In order to guarantee high scientific quality of articles published in the journal, *ACMO* adopts a fair and timely method for its review policy. As a first step, the editor-in-chief or one of the section editors will scrutinise the papers for suitability, scientific stringency and originality.

If not rejected at this stage, the paper will be reviewed by at least two experts who will ensure that the research is well focused, that methods and statistics are correct, that the discussion is embedded in previous research results and that the conclusions are justified.

I hope that researchers from varied fields will find *ACMO* a useful addition to the existing array of ENT journals. With the online-only Open Access publishing model, your research results will not only be freely available to anybody with a computer and access to the Internet but also be available much faster – the time from acceptance of the manuscript to the publication of the edited (final) version of the article is approximately three weeks. Readers will be able to access your article either in the PDF, HTML or ePUB format, the latter suited for hand-held devices such as iPhone and iPad. Moreover, the Open Access model offers additional multimedia benefits such as videos, audios, links to full data sets, unlimited colour budgets and interactive features, all of which the printed medium cannot provide. Co-Action Publishing will ensure that the best Web technology supports the editorial team as well as the contributing authors.

On behalf of the section editors and the editorial board members, I welcome you to submit your best work to *ACMO*.

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