

Dear Readers

I am pleased to hand the fourth issue of *Archives of Medical Science* (AMS) over to you. I hope the articles included are interesting for you and will encourage you to become familiar with the following issues of AMS in the coming year 2006. I am waiting for your suggestions and opinions. I will be glad to receive any comments or letters to Editor regarding the manuscripts we have already published. This form of communication between authors and readers is the best way to exchange opinions and take up the matter-of-fact debate.

First I would like to thank all people who helped me with this issue of Archives of Medical Science: Dr. Jacek Rysz from the 2nd Department of Family Medicine, Medical University in Lodz, Poland, Dr. Marcin Barylski from the Department of Internal Diseases and Cardiological Rehabilitation, Medical University in Lodz, Poland, Dr. Dirk Michielsen from the Department of Urology in Brussels, Belgium, and obviously special thanks to the Publishing Editor – Ms Mirosława Huk, for her well-aimed advice and commitment. Finally, I would like to thank all people engaged in the AMS project in the successful year 2005, and I wish the next year is much more fortunate.

I would like to send special thanks to Prof. Kenneth Dickstein for presenting his great lecture from the Heart Failure Congress in Lisbon, in July 2005 to the point of preparing and submitting manuscripts to high quality medical journals. I hope the advice included in this article, and additionally in a very interesting comment by Prof. Cezary Watala, makes the submitting and publishing process much easier.

I would also like to invite all AMS Readers to acquaint themselves with the comment by Prof. Jochen Shipke to one of the most interested articles having been published in AMS so far entitled: *A reappraisal of concepts in heart failure: Central role of cardiac power reserve* (Simon G. Williams et al., Arch Med Sci 2005; 1, 2: 65-74). I hope it will be only a beginning of such interesting debates in Archives of Medical Science.

I am very happy that in the fourth issue we can publish next great articles written by young researchers (*Cardiologists' dream may come true – vascular therapy* by Dr. Ewa Rusiecka). I hope it is going to stimulate other young scientists to send us their manuscripts, and to present the outcomes of their studies in AMS.

Once again, I would like to invite all scientists to join our Review Board. In my opinion it is a great chance to widen their knowledge and to meet great scientists from all over the world. You should simply put your personal information on the web site: www.ams.termedia.pl in the section *New reviewer*. Finally, I am happy to announce that the average period of the review process of the manuscripts accepted for the fourth number was below 4 weeks. All the members of the Editorial Board of *Archives of Medical Science* deserve credit for this achievement.

Nice reading!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With friendly greetings

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