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MDCP: The First Year Bygone - Editors' Note to the Readership

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W.B. Yeats once stated "Literature is always personal, always one man's vision of the world, one man's experience, and it can only be popular when men are ready to welcome the visions of others." It's a year since Movement Disorders Clinical Practice began receiving submissions, and the current issue will be the fourth for this year. As editors, we have been delighted by the way members of the movement disorders community have embraced and supported the journal, "sharing their vision with others" through the pages of the journal. In the first twelve months, we considered 283 original submissions. It would thus appear that there is a desire for this journal format, in which you as authors and readers wish to share your experiences with clinical cases and practice. The number of downloads and the visits to our journal website also indicates that the publications are popular and of interest to the readership. From our side, as editors, we have strived to assess your papers quickly—typically returning a decision within three weeks-and to bring them to publication as soon as possible. The scope of the journal has been broad but has always kept in mind the clinical emphasis. We aim to provide the readership with novel cases and case series, various approaches to clinical issues and, of course, excellent state-of-the-art reviews. "Advances in the Genetics of Parkinson's Disease: A Guide for the Clinician" and "The Pragmatic Treatment of Wilson's Disease" are just two examples of the excellent reviews the journal has received and published. It is said, "One picture says more than a thousand words," and a video does even better. Hence, it is no surprise that one of the most popular items is the feature titled "How do I," which is novel to the MDCP journal. In this section, experts in particular fields demonstrate their skills in a video, giving tips and mentioning pitfalls while performing an examination of a patient with a certain movement disorder. "Examination of Patients with Essential Tremor," by our former president, Günter Deuschl, was one of the most downloaded items in our inaugural issue, verifying the popularity of this feature.³ We are heartened by the continuing number of papers we are receiving, and we will aim to keep the journal at the cutting edge of clinical movement disorders.

A new year and new challenges are ahead for MDCP. We will be able to submit our application to Medline in the spring of 2015, and when the journal is formally accepted and indexed, we anticipate that all previously published papers will also be included. We plan to apply for inclusion in Thomson Reuters' Web of Science in the forthcoming year as well. Of course, we will keep you updated with any news on our applications with both of these important databases.

The journal cannot be successful without the input of several people who work in the background, and we are extremely thankful to both the Movement Disorder Society and the Wiley staff who work on the journal. We are also extremely indebted to the reviewers for MDCP, who spend their valuable time and effort providing constructive comments in our review process.

We wish you all happy holidays and we look forward to bringing you further exciting issues of MDCP in 2015.

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