

Editor's Farewell

Four years have passed since I received the *Clinical Psychopharmacology and Neuroscience* (CPN) editor-in-chief from Professor Young-Chul Chung, who served successfully as the former editor-in-chief of the CPN. With his enthusiasm, the CPN indexed in SCIE journal in 2014 and reached the first impact factor of 1.500 in 2015. So far, great contribution of colleagues and ample support of the Korean College of Neuropsychopharmacology (KCNP) has been made a reputable international psychiatry journal. I am sure that this ambitious plan might have been in vain without such all-around efforts. As a new editor at that time, my duty was to put the CPN on a solid foundation. However, the CPN had not been a well-known journal yet. Moreover, there were insufficient copies of manuscripts from limited areas. My challenges were to improve the quality and diversity of manuscripts and to establish well-operating submission and review processes. It was also important to gain the trust of researchers by speeding up the review and publication schedule. The hard work and dedication of many people working together has improved and as a result we have higher impact factor. The recent impact factor of 2018 was reported to be 2.470, and it was inspiring outcome to the CPN that's only been made a few years. Also, the number and quality of submissions consistently improved, and then the initial concern has been resolved.

My successor, Professor Chi-Un Pae, is a great researcher who has published numerous qualified articles and is believed to take the CPN to the next level in the field of psychopharmacology and neuroscience. Being an editor-in-chief of the CPN has been an indisputable privilege and pleasure to me. As editor-in-chief for 4 years, I have been indebted to many people, and I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for their dedication. In particular, I think it would have been difficult to achieve my goal as an editor-in-chief without the sincere contribution of Woo Im Lee (managing editor), Professor Won-Myong Bahk (former president of the KCNP), associate editors, and the KCNP. My wish is that the CPN will go further and take the place as a leading journal in related academic fields.

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