EDITORIAL

The “New” Journal of Travel Medicine

This is the first issue of the new volume for Journal of Travel Medicine (JTM), and with this new year comes change. First, JTM has a new publisher, Blackwell Publishing in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. For the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM), which owns JTM, this change represents an opportunity to increase online readership and availability of the Journal, as well as to streamline editorial and production processes.

Second, JTM has a new cover design—what is its significance? Our new design illustrates the interdisciplinary nature of travel medicine and the fact that those active in the field care for a broad variety of populations. Artist Niki Bossard has captured the most relevant groups in pictograms: tourists planning a beach vacation or a visit in a foreign city are frequent clients in travel clinics. Trekkers and divers often pose a special physiological challenge when requesting travel health advice. Health is a theme both for airline crews and for passengers, including those being evacuated. Migrants and refugees are particularly vulnerable, and the same applies to those assisting or rescuing them, often in difficult situations—there are public health implications. Last, but not least, occupational health protection is a goal for business people as well as expatriates working in tropical conditions.

Finally, the ISTM and the Editorial staff of JTM are excited to announce that online manuscript submission is now possible. For authors, this means an easier manuscript submission process, as well as faster decision times. JTM will be using Manuscript-Central for peer review and tracking. For reviewers, this means a fully electronic process that will make reviewing papers effortless. Please send your manuscripts to: http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jtm.

JTM is the only Medline-indexed journal in the interdisciplinary field of travel medicine that has an impact factor. In the 2004 Journal Citation Report (Institute for Scientific Information), JTM’s impact factor was 0.766, ranking it number 55 of 102 journals indexed in the category, “Medicine, general and internal.” JTM aims to continue publishing the best original articles focused on improving travelers’ health. Increasingly, the journal will also publish reviews, mainly to assist professionals practicing in travel clinics with adherence to evidence-based procedures.

We are committed to providing members of the ISTM and other JTM readers with practical, timely information that is easily accessible—this is paramount in the current hectic times. We hope that the changes introduced with this issue will support that goal. As always, we welcome your feedback at any time.

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