Editorial

Editorial: On the Issue Celebrating the Centennial of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

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In an editorial in the 1991 issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology issue celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, I noted that “[t]he important contributions by schools of public health to epidemiologic teaching, research, or conceptual developments deserve special celebration on major anniversaries” (Am J Epidemiol. 1991;134(10):1013). Since then, the Journal has published special issues celebrating the anniversaries of the University of California Berkeley School of Public Health (1995; volume 142, issue 9, supplement 1), the Columbia University School of Public Health (1998; volume 147, issue 3), and the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (2012, volume 176, issue 7).

As one of the oldest journals devoted to publishing papers of interest to epidemiologists, epidemiology students, and public health workers in general, it seems natural for the American Journal of Epidemiology to have started a tradition of celebrating anniversaries of not only schools of public health but also of epidemiology societies and public health agencies that naturally have to rely on epidemiologic research and practice. We have already published a special issue celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Epidemic Intelligence Services (2001; volume 154, issue 11), and in 2017 we will publish an issue celebrating the 50th anniversary of our sponsoring society, the Society for Epidemiologic Research.

We are honored to publish the present issue in celebration of the centennial of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Hopkins’ links with the Journal have been strong over the years, as reflected by the fact that it is published for its School of Public Health by Oxford University Press. In addition, traditionally, its editors-in-chief have been faculty members at Hopkins. For this issue, we were fortunate to have counted on Dr. Gary Friedman to serve as guest editor-in-chief. Gary has been an outstanding editor for many years and deserves our deepest appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the Journal.

All papers published in this special issue were subjected to the regular review process of the American Journal of Epidemiology. Final decisions on submissions were made by our guest editor-in-chief, who relied on recommendations from members of our editorial board and from our associate editors that were based on our external reviewers’ critiques. We would like to express our gratitude to our editors, associate editors, and reviewers, whose key critiques and recommendations were often secured on an expedited basis.

We look forward to considering future special issues celebrating anniversaries of schools of public health, agencies, and societies related to epidemiology.

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