

Dear readers,
Dear writers,
Dear colleagues,

The passing year was very important and revolutionary for the **International Maritime Health Journal (IMH)**. In 2018 we established the **International Maritime Health Foundation (IMHF)** – all details can be found on our new website: **IMHF.pl**. The IMHF became the new owner of the IMH and took over the responsibility for the IMH development and financial security. The IMHF as the new owner, however, is not a guarantee of the high scientific quality and professional standard.

Taking into account that the journal has nearly 70 years of history and tradition we do not plan to introduce any changes in the main title of IMH. The IMH name is recognised worldwide in the medical society, maritime industry and adjacent fields. However, we would like to underline the versatility of our Journal. We remind that apart from the maritime medicine papers we publish articles in the following areas: occupational medicine, tropical medicine, telemedicine, hyperbaric and diving medicine, travel medicine, military and navy medicine, fishermen health problems, maritime and occupational psychology, maritime toxicology, hygienic problems on ship, harbour sanitary problems and health promotion at sea, during travel, and in tropical environment. We expect not only the original papers but also very important and advantageous are the review papers because of their high citation value.

The IMH free access increases the Journals' availability and reach. Once again we would like to point out that the IMH electronic system is working which makes the process of communication easy and friendly. You can find the system on the following websites: **www.intmarhealth.pl** and **https://journals.viamedica.pl//international_maritime_health/login**.

Our high standard of publishing wouldn't be possible without the fruitful collaboration with our Publisher Via Medica.

In this moment we would like to address a request to all authors to deliver us papers and also to all scientists, readers and colleagues to disseminate information about IMH possibilities and advantages. Without your activity further development of IMH is impossible.

Broad spectrum of published materials will increase the statistics of IMH citations. It is a very important point in the moment when we started Journals' application for the Impact Factor scores. Currently we are under observation and evaluation of the Thomson Reuters Web of Science. The advantage of IMH is that it exists in the major scientific browsers for many years (PubMed, Index Medicus/ Medline etc.). Thanks to this fact we are visible all over the world.

The guarantee of the high standard of published materials is also the expertise of the reviewers. IMH Editorial Board is continuously building and expanding the reviewers list.

The very good opportunities to the IMH promotion are congresses, conferences, symposiums, workshops and other meetings of professionals. Only thanks to our cooperation and common effort we can rich the final success of being on the Philadelphia List. A lot of work is still ahead us!

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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year 2019

On the occasion of the upcoming Christmas and New Year, on behalf of the IMH Editorial Board and myself I would like to wish all of You good health, prosperity, peaceful life, professional and personal success in 2019.

Maria Jeżewska
IMH Editor-in-Chief

