

New publisher of *Kardiologia Polska*: what do we hope for in May 2021?

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May 2021 marks the start with a new publishing house which leads to many changes for *Kardiologia Polska* (*Kardiol Pol*, *Polish Heart Journal*). As announced in April 2021, *Kardiol Pol* is being published by Via Medica on behalf of the Polish Cardiac Society. Given a well-established position of Via Medica in the field of academic publishing, as reflected by nearly 50 regular medical journals in its portfolio, a new publisher opens new opportunities, although the beginning has been full of grave problems and technical challenges noticed by our readers and supporters who sent emails and made phone calls asking about the current status and expressing their concerns about the future of the journal. Again, I would like to apologize to all of you for problems with access to full texts of all articles for 10 days. All articles can be now read in PDF format.

Some visible changes have already been implemented by Via Medica. As you may have noticed from the look of the front cover and will see as you browse through this month's issue, the journal has a new appearance with an updated article type style, and a new layout.

From May 2021, all the articles from *Kardiol Pol* will be hosted on the publisher's website (journals.viamedica.pl/kardiologia_polska). All interested readers will be allowed to access the journal's full content free of charge, as previously, including Polish versions of the ESC guidelines published in Educational Issues of *Kardiol Pol*. We will do our best to publish peer-reviewed articles Online First within a few days ahead of the issue publication. At the time of Online First publication, the text of an article will be fully searchable and citable by its Digital Object Identifier (DOI), along with Publons, via the Editorial Manager to which most authors and reviewers got used to. The journal's website developed in the current version within a few days by Via Medica will be improved to provide a user-friendly and fully searchable homepage for the journal.

For the last two years, we have been working on reorganizing our Editorial Team to guarantee a fair and high-quality review process and a rapid editorial turnaround we have been known for in 2019 and 2020. We have decided to maintain the proofreading of the accepted papers and their uniform appearance. To increase visibility and boost the number of citations, we intend to carry on the initiatives implemented in previous years, including rapid publication upon acceptance (within 2–3 months) and swift production process, copyrights with the authors, responsive editorial service, preparation in various formats (HTML, PDF) for online publication, and social media activity.

Our team has the ambition to build on this success and make *Kardiol Pol* one of the top forums for publication of new scientific observations in the field of cardiology at an international level. The editorial team, in cooperation with authors and the new publisher, will strive to continue to produce the highest quality content in the best possible forms and in the shortest possible editorial time. We also hope that the new publisher will provide interactive content to physicians, researchers and the medical community.

We look forward to this new era for *Kardiol Pol* and to productive interactions with Via Medica, our new partner in publishing, supporting our vision of the journal.

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