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Hani Najm, Editor-in-chief

We are celebrating Saudi Heart Association as the first and only cardiac scientific journal in Saudi Arabia, of which we are very proud. The first 20 years the journal was published by King Saud University publishing house, and the last 10 years it was published by Elsevier. As of January, the journal will be published by the Saudi Heart Association on Elsevier's Digital Commons publishing platform. This decision was taken after a thorough search and vetting of existing publishers with the goal of a seamless transition to the new platform. The transition has been progressing smoothly and soon the authors and readers will see and feel the improvement on the site.

On this occasion, I am delighted to announce that Dr. Marko Turina MD, MDh.c. has accepted the position as "Content Editor" for the Journal of Saudi Heart Association. Marko is Professor of Surgery, emeritus, and Dean emeritus, Medical Faculty, University of Zurich. He has established a very high stature in the field of publishing, where he has served as editor-in-chief or associated editor in several journals. He brings to the JSHA a wealth of experience in publishing and will continue to increase the impact of our journal.

The JSHA continues to progress in creating an impact in the field of medicine. The editorial team insisted on accepting only high-quality publications, which resulted in a rejection rate of 80%. Despite the drop of the number of publications in 2019 compared to 2018, we have increased the number of citations from 140 to 162, which is 15.7% increment. This speaks for the originality of published scientific material

Most publications continue to come from the region, and predominantly from Saudi Arabia, and this fact offers an opportunity for growth. The speed of editorial handling has progressively decreased, with a first decision about the submission being achieved in the first month after submission, and final decision by the second month, which few journals can accomplish.

We are looking forward to progress with Dr. Marko Turina and with our publishing format and use of the new platform as we believe this will be transformational in 2020.

