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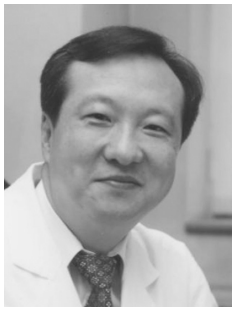

We are pleased to announce the launch of *Journal of Mucopolysaccharidosis and Rare Diseases* an open access, peer-reviewed journal that will encompass all aspects of Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) and related disorders, Prader–Willi syndrome (PWS), skeletal dysplasia including achondroplasia, and other rare diseases, by its electronic manuscript system. The journal will be published twice per year from 2015. The focus will be on review articles, but the journal will consider editorial papers, original articles including scientific experiments, brief communications, case reports, and opinions within the scope of interest.

We wish to express our appreciation to the many famous and excellent colleagues who have agreed to serve as section editors for their specialties. To a considerable extent, the quality of the journal will depend on their commitment. The journal's editorial office is established at the Association for Research of MPS and Rare Disease (ARMRD) headquarters in Seoul and supported by several major institutions including the Asia Pacific MPS Network (APMN) and Korean MPS Expert Council (KMEC).

Though the rate of incidence of each rare disease, including MPS, is low, this is not the case if they are taken as a whole. Rare diseases, including MPS, often have genetic causes and vary in type. However, the signs and symptoms vary greatly by disease, making it difficult to make accurate diagnoses and conduct necessary research, which is why I believe it is a field that deserves more attention and research.

Please submit your work to *Journal of Mucopolysaccharidosis and Rare Diseases*. Help us to contribute to increasing knowledge on MPS and other rare diseases for the benefit of the patients and their families and to assist professionals and researchers working in the field.

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