



Year 2019, Pray for 30 Years Olds, Germany, Namibia, and JKACAP

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As I am writing the editorial for the journal which will be published on January 1st, 2019, it crosses my mind that 2019 will be the 30th anniversary of this journal. The first volume was published in January 1990 by Kang-E Michael Hong, the first editor-in-chief. I could not possibly estimate how long the 30-year was, so I googled for historic events in 1990. I chose two distinguished historical events, Germany's reunification and Namibia's independence. Just as Germany and Namibia have undergone dramatic changes since 1990, so have the Journal. The initial title was Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, but in Vol 17(2), 2006, it was retitled to the Journal of the Korean Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (JKACAP). Not only was the title revised, but also it changed from annually to quarterly published journal, and English became the official language since 2018.

Not only did JKACAP go through profuse changes but also did child and adolescent psychiatry. JKACAP deals not only with psychiatric disorders but with broad spectrums of topics. This issue also tried to mention ever-increasing propositions of child and adolescent psychiatry. Dong-hyun Ahn et al., compared preterm-born children and children with neurodevelopmental disorders with typical children based on cognition, emotion, and behaviors. In 'A validation study of the Korean Child Behavior Checklist 1.5-5 (CBCL 1.5-5) in the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and non-ASD,' Han Nah Cho and Eun Hye Ha analyzed the discriminant validity and clinical cut off scores of the CBCL 1.5-5 to differentiate ASD from non-ASD. In 'Differences in parenting stress, parenting attitudes, and parent' mental health according to parental adult attachment style' by Young Sook Kwack et al., authors suggested the need for specific education and interventions for parents with insecure attachment pattern.

An article titled as 'Factors on the pathway from trauma to suicidal ideation in adolescents' by Kyeong-Sook Choi et

al., suggests that self-esteem and resiliency protect adolescents from depression and suicidal ideation. 'The influence of depression and school life on the quality of life of Korean child and adolescent patients with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),' Jeong-Seop Lee et al., demonstrated intriguing differences in the youths' self-report and parent proxy report on the daily life and psychiatric symptoms. Sherab Tsheringla et al., presented a case vignette of a teenage girl who suffered from acute psychotic symptoms and was later diagnosed with Hashimoto's encephalopathy.

In a book review of 'Leonardo da Vinci,' Geon Ho Bahn proposed the diagnosis of ADHD of historical figures through (auto) biography.

After 75 years under South African control, Namibia was born as the new independent country on 21 March, 1990. The leader of the South-West Africa People's Organization, Sam Nujoma declared "As of today, we are masters of this pastoral land of our ancestors." South Africa's president, Mr F. W. de Klerk said "We extend a hand of friendship to our new neighbors. Good-neighborliness is in our mutual interest." After more than 45 years of division, Germany was reborn on 3 October, 1990. The first president of reunited Germany, Richard von Weizsäcker proclaimed: "In freier Selbstbestimmung wollen wir die Einheit in Freiheit Deutschlands vollenden. Wir wollen in einem vereinten Europa dem Frieden der Welt dienen" (In free self-determination we have completed the unity and freedom of Germany. We want to serve world peace in a united Europe). The aims and the scope of JKACAP are to 'cover the whole range of child and adolescent psychiatry and neuroscience. It also seeks to promote the well-being of children and families by publishing scholarly papers on such subjects as health policy, legislation, advocacy, ethnic issues, culture, and service provision as they pertain to the mental health of children and families.'

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the JKACAP, as well as the fall of the Berlin wall and the Independence of Namibia, I wish all of the initial anticipation and expectation become real.

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