

## EDITORIAL

### Editor-in-Chief foreword and introduction to World Journal of Medical Images, Videos and Cases

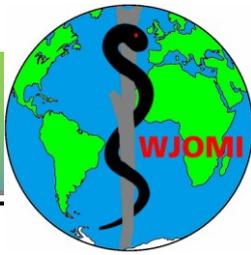
*Piotr Kochan*

Ladies and Gentlemen, please let me welcome you to a novel journal in life sciences. The World Journal of Medical Images, Videos and Cases (WJOMI) is a platform dedicated to medical doctors, both clinicians and researchers as well as other specialists in medicine and related life science fields. It allows to publish short communications, case descriptions and brief articles but foremost – images and videos. In those busy times, WJOMI should be able to fill the gap between full length articles and case descriptions since there are no journals existing today which favour submission of images and videos only. Many doctors and researchers have materials they could not publish thus far owing to busy schedules or inappropriate scope of their data or images. WJOMI will give them the possibility to have the data published in the form of short and interesting publications. Full scope of the journal may be seen in the *About WJOMI* menu on the journal's homepage.

The review process is rather straightforward and most of the submitted articles especially with interesting graphic section should be

accepted for publication after peer-review. The publication process is rather swift, since WJOMI is an online journal. Internet publication is always accompanied by PDF generation. Please mind, WJOMI is an exceptional journal since most open access journals will ask the authors for publication fees. We do not and we never will. This is something exceptional in commercialised scientific world. We put education and science at no. 1 – not for profits or business. We run the journal on voluntary basis and we consider education should be available to anybody willing to learn free of charge. We can therefore say that WJOMI is a full open access journal with no publication charges whatsoever. We are striving to make the journal indexed in major databases in the future but we are conscious of the fact that it will take some time and support, and surely we are counting on the readers' patience and goodwill.

Also, if you consider yourself a potential review candidate, please address me with requests for the Editorial Board membership. If



on the other hand, you have some interesting data and images to contribute, you are most welcome to submit your work. Instructions for authors are ready and easy to follow online, with the possibility of printing them, too.

I have the pleasure of opening the journal officially with the first case description accompanied by some excellent video footage of a parasite. Please read more in my new article entitled: *Human pinworm infection may be an underestimated sexually transmitted problem* co-authored by Dr Pietrzyk and Prof. Bulanda.

I hereby announce that WJOMI is up and running and ready to accept new submissions!



**About Piotr Kochan, M.D., Ph.D.**

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Piotr Kochan currently resides in Cracow but he spent most of his youth and finished his primary and secondary education overseas. While planning to specialise in surgical sciences, he became interested in clinical microbiology during his medical studies in the 90s of the last millennium. He is officially affiliated with Chair of Microbiology, Jagiellonian University Medical College since 2004. Until now, he has participated in many

research projects and clinical trials, both national and international, got his Ph.D. in medicine and coordinated several research studies.

In recent years he has been recognized internationally and was the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Ambassador to Central and Eastern Europe who developed the ASM Ambassador network in that region for which he received the ASM Ambassador of the Year 2012 Award in San Francisco. For a few years now he sits on the Subcommittee for Professional Affairs of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID). During his career he visited many institutions around the globe incl. ECDC in Stockholm, Sweden; Infectious Disease Dept. in rickettsial diseases in Sousse, Tunisia; Addenbrooke's Hospital of Cambridge University, UK; Parasitology lab in Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Peking Union Medical College Hospital in Beijing, China, etc.

Piotr Kochan is a current or former member of the following societies: ESCMID, ASM, Polish Society of Hospital Infections, Polish Society of Microbiologists, Polish Clinical Microbiologists Society as well as former Board of Directors member of the Polish Society for Probiotics and Prebiotics. He is a reviewer for Polish and international scientific journals and also the person who successfully introduced the Polish Edition of Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy ten years ago, currently being its local Editor-in-Chief.



His personal research interests include: parasites, beneficial microbes, antimicrobials and drug resistance, hospital infections as well as influenza.

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