



## EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

In this first editorial let me introduce our journal and outline our plans for the future. A peer-reviewed scientific journal *Nursing and Midwifery* has been published by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ostrava since 2010, and all of its published articles are freely available on the website. This journal is intended for nurses and midwives, and also for academic and research staff who are interested in these fields. Compliance with the ethical aspects of publishing is overseen by the editorial board and executive editors of the journal. We try to ensure the highest quality of published contributions by using a consistent double-blind peer-review process, assigning manuscripts to reviewers who are experts in the subject areas they cover. Our goal is to be indexed in the international electronic database covering nursing and midwifery; therefore beginning this year, we have implemented some changes that should improve the quality of the journal. The current editorial board was expanded by an international editorial advisory board made up of prominent international experts, and the domestic editorial board was also strengthened. We have approved and published the document *Ethical Principles of Publishing* that we believed will be helpful to potential contributors. These principles are binding for all of our prospective editors, reviewers and authors. Another welcome change will be regular editorials from experienced editorial board members and prominent international experts.

A significant proportion of the quality contributions to our journal come from Slovak nursing experts, and given the fact of linguistic proximity these are published in their original language. The Editorial Board is also considering the publication of English articles translated into the Czech language which meet our rigorous selection process.

I would like to thank all members of the editorial board, executive and technical editors for their work associated with the journal, and all reviewers who critically evaluated the manuscripts submitted to our journal during the past year. Thanks also to the authors of the articles, whose contributions made possible the very existence of the journal. And as for the journal, I hope we receive many high quality manuscripts in the second year of its life, so that we can achieve our main goal - inclusion in the international bibliographic database.

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