



## EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

Journal *Nursing and Midwifery* enters with this number into the third year of its existence. During this time we have published over 50 scientific and professional articles that have undergone rigorous review by two independent experts. Peer-reviews scientific journal cannot develop without adequate number of quality author's contributions and precise work of anonymous peer-reviewers. We are therefore very grateful to all our contributors and experts who work with us.

Our journal has undergone in the last year certain qualitative changes, whether it is change in the structure of the editorial board or the introduction of clear ethical guidelines for publishing authors, reviewers and the editors. Compared with the previous year, the number of authors and reviewers has increased; we have also published more frequently quality results of research work of doctoral and master nursing students. We have noted also that the opinions of reviewers are stricter. Number of articles rejected by the editorial board or unsuccessful reviews articles for last year amounted to 40%. All these aspects should lead to publishing higher quality articles, thereby simultaneously increasing the quality and prestige of our journal.

We are aware that due to the persistence of language barrier most of the Czech nursing professionals do not have the potential to publish in English language in international nursing journals. Our journal focuses on the Czech and Slovak readers, and therefore we welcome original contributions of local authors presenting new results and messages that are unique in the context of the Czech and Slovak nursing and which would otherwise be difficult to publish abroad. However, we regret, that we publish minimum manuscripts with Midwifery topics. On the contrary, we are pleased that in the academic community and in nursing practice are discussed and presented relatively new topics in the context of the Czech and Slovak nursing such as: evidence based practice, clinical guidelines, validation of nursing diagnoses.

We look forward to your new articles and wish you to find in the journal *Nursing and Midwifery* only interesting and quality articles that will enrich you professionally and which will encourage you to further research and publication activities.

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