To the new Korean sleep medicine journal

It is always a victory for the field of Sleep Medicine, when a new scientific organ is launched. The creation of a journal dedicated to the field by the Korean Society of Sleep Medicine is a great event; it shows the strength of the field of sleep medicine and research in Korea. It also shows the dedication of the members of the Korean sleep community to achieve excellence, and establish the field in the concert of the many scientific endeavors that exist already in Korea.

There are sleep societies that have previously created their own journals, in Germany, Spain, France, Brazil as examples, these journals have always strengthened the local societies, attracted new members to the field, offered to younger researchers an open forum to present their new ideas and research projects, and support the educational and information mandates of the respective societies. I am sure that this new journal will have the same impact and will strongly enhance the scientific presence of the sleep field in Korea. The society and editorial board of the journal made the decision to have this new journal published in English to project in the scientific world the Korean research and new findings. This is a courageous decision, but as it is also a Korean journal, I hope as in other journals of national societies, the editors will also publish with each article a lengthy summary in Korean, that will put all important facts in the hands of all Koreans.

As the current president of the World Association of Sleep Medicine, whose goal is education on sleep and its disorders and dissemination of knowledge on Sleep Medicine throughout the world, I can only greatly thank my scientific Korean colleagues for this effort and for this creation. Korea will host the World Congress of the World Association of Sleep Medicine in 2015, and this new journal will be a strong support for the success of the congress.

All my wishes for many publications and successes for this new journal

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