

# HepatoBiliary Surgery and Nutrition - Message from the Editor-in-Chief

2012 will be marked as the year of miraculous stories, we believe, one of which, as we are honored to announce, is the launch of *HepatoBiliary Surgery and Nutrition* (Print ISSN 2304-3881; Online ISSN 2304-389X; Hepatobiliary Surg Nutr; HBSN), the first journal of its scope and coverage in the world with the strong support and the active involvement of our editorial members and colleague investigators in biomedical research and clinical practice of hepatobiliary surgery and nutrition.

As a new international, open-access, peer-reviewed journal, HBSN is dedicated to providing a free forum for the rapid dissemination of latest discoveries in hepatobiliary surgery and nutrition, publishing articles that focus on cutting-edge findings in this rapidly growing field and providing up-to-date, practical information on diagnosis, prevention and clinical investigations. Being an international journal and an English language publication, HBSN will accept submissions throughout the world, as well as from an increasingly large pool of clinical and basic researches in China, which would be a promising source in years. Specific areas of interest include, but are not limited to, multimodality therapy, markers, imaging, biology, pathology, and technical advances in hepatobiliary surgery and nutrition. Every effort will be made to present our presenting to our audience with a well-constructed, informative and educational journal.

The entire submission and review process of HBSN is managed online with the Open Journal System (OJS) developed by Public Knowledge Project. This will greatly expedite the process from submission to editorial decision for an individual manuscript, and hence speed publication turnaround. The open-access policy of HBSN will allow all readers from the medical science community to freely utilize material published in the journal. Importantly, these benefits will by no means compromise the quality of studies published in HBSN, which will be formally peer-reviewed and are expected to meet the most rigorous standards of academic excellence.

HBSN boasts a distinguished editorial board, bringing together a team of specialists highly experienced in treatment and research of hepatobiliary surgery and nutrition. Our editorial profile renders the journal truly international and in addition, the precious experience and state-of-the-art expertise of board members promises an exchange of ideas that can only make a significant difference to research of hepatobiliary surgery and nutrition in China and worldwide.

At this landmark moment for HBSN, I would like to thank all our colleagues for their assistance and efforts to make possible the launch of this newborn journal. We are also grateful to our editorial board members and staff for their diligence in copy editing, paper processing and journal promotion. Indestructible confidence is always with us that HBSN will undoubtedly make a great contribution to the work of both biomedical scientists and clinicians in the field of hepatobiliary surgery and nutrition.

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