Editorial

I have accepted the challenge of making *Ophthalmic Research* a better journal raising its impact factor and assuming fully its name, a journal dedicated to publish the best original articles and reviews in ophthalmic research.

Ophthalmic Research will cover the entire range of eye research from laboratory research to clinical trial research giving also space to information on educational activities.

Along these lines, *Ophthalmic Research* will be the journal of the European Vision Institute Clinical Research network (EVICR.net), the journal of European Eye Epidemiology (E³), and the journal of the European Advanced Studies in Ophthalmology (ESASO).

The Associate Editors will be responsible for conducting the reviewing process in their specific subject area.

Our aim for the next 5 years is to make it a forum for eye research, advocating for its increased autonomy and visibility in the European and world health research programs. Eye research all over the world, and more particularly in Europe, needs to follow the successful example of the USA that created an independent National Eye Research program when establishing the National Eye Institute within the National Institutes of Health.

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