Editorial

The Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Associate Editors, and Editorial Board members wish to express their appreciation to all ad hoc reviewers of *Cerebrovascular Diseases* and *Cerebrovascular Diseases Extra* for their critical evaluation and competent comments on the manuscripts submitted to both journals. During 2018, more than 400 reviewers have been responsible for all manuscripts submitted – they provided detailed comments as well as recommendations for publications, which were communicated to the authors worldwide. Rather than listing their individual names, we take this opportunity to thank them all together for their commitment and expertise. In addition, we are particularly grateful to authors who supported the journal by submitting excellent articles and increasingly excellent reviews; at present, we publish 2 or 3 excellent reviews in each issue. We now welcome 18 new members from all around the world listed on the Editorial Board page of this first issue of the journal 2019. We also thank those who have supported us for many years and have left after longstanding commitments.

Cerebrovascular Diseases is able to cope up with the competition and continues to remain one of the world's

highest ranked TOP Stroke journals, thanks to the enormous work of all authors, editorial board members, and ad hoc reviewers in Europe, Asia, and North America as well as other parts of the world. The journal acknowledges the continuous support received from the highest referenced European Stroke Conference (www.eurostroke.eu) for many decades. This excellent cooperation has also been supported by the European Stroke Research Foundation (website), the new official partner of the journal as well as the affiliation of both the Asia Pacific Stroke Organisation and the International Stroke Summit. This could not have been achieved without the outstanding and highly appreciated contributions from the team at *Karger Publishers, Basel*, and the responsible manager Peter Roth. From 2019 on, we will address current issues discussed in public science; we welcome any ideas and proposals you may identify for discussions and controversies among the audience of this journal. Please submit your short contribution (500 words, 1 table/figure) to *Editorial Controversy* and keep us updated ahead, if you wish, of your submission. We start today with *Air pollution and stroke: is there really a significant relationship?*

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