

Editorial

Celebration of the 75th Volume Memorial Issue Publication of the Journal of Nippon Medical School

In 2008 we celebrate the 75th volume memorial issue publication of the *Journal of Nippon Medical School (JNMS)*. At this occasion, an opportunity exists to review major achievements in the history of *JNMS* and to pay tribute to those who contributed to its success.

The *JNMS*, which is the official journal of the Medical Association of Nippon Medical School, was first launched as the "*Nihon (=Nippon) Ika Daigaku Zasshi*" in 1923. Since English became the predominant language of the published articles, with volume 67 (year 2000) the journal name was changed to the "*Journal of Nippon Medical School*." Since its launch, the journal is regularly published bimonthly without interruption. During its 75 volumes' history of publication, the journal has undergone several important improvements as listed in the timeline and facts.

From its first year of publication, *JNMS* aimed very high and considered clinical and research articles of remarkably broad interest and importance in both Japanese and English languages. Later on in order to facilitate broader dissemination of the articles, with volume 72 (year 2005), the journal launched its publication in full English language. The articles were invited from various categories such as originals, reviews, short communications, reports on experiments and clinical cases, and case reports that put the journal in context for broader readers. In addition, the journal has launched a "**Photogravure**" section since 1999 to introduce unique and novel findings illustratively on the first and second pages of each issue.

The Editorial Board of the journal has been restructured and further eminent scientists from U.S.A. joined the Editorial Board as International Advisory Board. This allowed expanding the scope of the published manuscripts and the journal enjoyed international recognition showing an impact on scientific communities around the world.

Looking back, it is very gratifying to see that the articles published by *JNMS* cover the breadth of medical science research and come from all around the world. The journal's content also includes the most cutting edge research in medical science. Many of the published articles have been frequently cited by authors in peer-reviewed internationally oriented journals.

Like many other medical journals, *JNMS* content is also freely available from PubMed Central since the year 2000, providing worldwide researchers with an immediate access and downloading the articles of interest.

On the occasion of its 75th volume memorial issue publication, *JNMS* celebrates this event by presenting in this separate issue of the journal a collection of "Photogravures" that have been published during 1999 to 2008. The journal is continuously building on its success in publishing high-quality articles and is striving to increase the rate of publication, while maintaining a high standard.

It is a privilege to express sincere gratitude to all the distinguished referees, authors and readers who have generously contributed to and supported the journal.

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Journal of Nippon Medical School 75th Volume Memorial Issue Timeline and Facts

[1923] *Nihon (=Nippon) Ika Daigaku Zasshi* launches its first issue.

[1981] *Nihon Ika Daigaku Zasshi* is approved by the National Library of Medicine to be indexed in Index Medicus (Medline).

[1984] *Nihon Ika Daigaku Zasshi* publishes the 50th volume index memorial issue.

[1996] *Nihon Ika Daigaku Zasshi* launches the year with new look and feel, inside and out; re-designed cover page from B5 to A4 size.

[1999] *Nihon Ika Daigaku Zasshi* launches the publication of "photogravure" section.

[2000] *Nihon Ika Daigaku Zasshi* launches a name change to the *Journal of Nippon Medical School (JNMS)*.

[2000] *JNMS* first goes online, with the URL <http://www.nms.ac.jp/jnms/> and linked to the PubMed Full Text.

[2005] *JNMS* launches its publication in full English language.

[2005] *JNMS* launches a change in cover page design.

[2008] *JNMS* launches the 10th year of publication of "photogravure" and "online submission" of manuscripts.

[2008] *JNMS* launches publication of the 75th volume memorial issue.