

***European Thyroid Journal:* Looking Backwards and Forwards**

In 2011, the Executive Committee of the European Thyroid Association (ETA) voted to endorse the creation of a new journal to publish the scientific works of members, guidelines and position papers of the Association, and papers of other researchers in the field of thyroidology. This important venture had been proposed by ETA President, Prof. Peter Laurberg, and it was agreed that Prof. Wilmar Wiersinga would be the first Editor-in-Chief. Working together with the then ETA treasurer, Prof. George Kahaly, a publishing contract was secured with Mr. Thomas Nold of Karger Publishers. Following a call for papers, the first issue of the *European Thyroid Journal* was born in April 2012 containing 9 papers, and a total of 475 indexed papers have been published to date. Initially, the journal appeared quarterly and since 2017, bi-monthly, achieving the first impact factor of 3.025, which has risen to 4.209 in 2020. We are extremely grateful to the publishing professionals at Karger who took a gamble on the success of the journal and helped the ETA take forward its vision over the last 10 years, in particular Thomas Nold, Esther Bettiol, Patrick Näf and Stephanie Mantl, and more recently Jessada Mahatthananchai and Angela Lorenz. This Acknowledgement marks the final volume published by Karger, and we say a heart-felt thank you to Karger Publishers. From January 2022, the journal will be published as fully open access and online with BioScientifica. We are grateful to all the past and current Editorial Board Members and Associate Editors, as well as the real constituency of the Journal, those experts who have reviewed papers, ETA Guideline authors and authors who have contributed to the journal.

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