Announcing the launch of Journal of International Nursing Research

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Those of us in the nursing professions are on the verge of a new beginning. In 2021, the Japan Society of Nursing Research (JSNR), a nursing study group with a long and distinguished history, will launch Journal of International Nursing Research (JINR) as an international English-language publication.

As the founding editor-in-chief of JINR, it is my great honor to be associated with this important undertaking. In connection with the inaugural edition of JINR, I would like to express my thanks for the support of the directors and auditors of JSNR, as well as to all of you who contributed your time. In particular, I am indebted to JSNR President Kiyoko Fukai for her understanding that brought about the creation of this journal. In addition, I greatly look forward to collaborating with the JINR Editorial Committee and international reviewers.

Since 1978, JSNR has been publishing its Japanese-language periodical, the Journal of Japan Society of Nursing Research (JJSNR). The JJSNR can be considered representative of academic journals in Japan, with a long history and splendid traditions. From 2014 to 2018, and from 2020 to the present, I served as an editor-in-chief. In the past JJSNR has published a number of English-language papers, and in 2015 was declared a multilingual publication in Japanese or English. From that point in time, guidelines were put in motion for the future publication of an English-language journal. From past and present perspectives, publication of academic papers on nursing in English has become the common practice, and this has also figured in our decision to launch JINR. Concurrent to this, JJSNR will no longer be soliciting English-language papers for publication.

As an international English-language journal, JINR will function as an open-access journal, with the papers that have been accepted promptly made public. Its scope will cover wide fields of nursing research, operating as a comprehensive journal not limited to any particular fields of specialization. Some years in the future we are hoping to register with PMC (PubMed Central), with the content of our papers also appearing in PubMed.

JINR is open to submissions from around the world. It welcomes original contributions on nursing studies in a variety of formats such as Review Article, Original Research, Practice Guidelines, Technical Report and Brief Report. Instructions for contributors can be viewed on the JINR web site (https://www.jinr.jsnr.or.jp/).

JINR sees its role as contributing to development of nursing studies on a worldwide scale. In this regard, we are determined that our enthusiasm toward nursing studies will continue to burn brightly.

We extend the warmest of welcomes to aspiring contributors, as well as to our colleagues and associates around the world, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

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