Preface to the first issue of Journal of International Nursing Research

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The Japan Society of Nursing Research (JSNR) was founded in 1970 with its predecessors, the Four National University Research Councils. In 1981, the name was changed to its current academic society name (JSNR), and it was established as Japan’s first comprehensive academic organization for nursing science. This society aims to organize people who are widely involved in nursing science, to conduct nursing-related educational and research activities, to contribute to the progress and development of nursing science, and to contribute to the world. Our specialty, Research in Nursing, deals with various phenomena related to “human beings, health, environment, and nursing (care).” In particular, the purpose of Research in Nursing is to explore and propose hints and clues (theories) for people to live healthier and more prosperous. In other words, nursing science is a human and practical science that is close to people, which cannot be achieved without actually living people.

The most important project of this society, “Journal of Japan Society of Nursing Research (JJSNR),” was first published in 1978 as a journal written in Japanese centered on original papers, and a total of 44 volumes have already been published to date. JJSNR has published many valuable academic papers and has made a great contribution to the development of nursing science in Japan. The only challenge was that the valuable evidence could only be read in Japanese.

Therefore, in May 2021, the international journal, which was longed for by not only members of our society but also nurse scientists all over Japan, will finally be established. Nursing is a science that contributes to practice (applied science); therefore, papers written in Japanese are useful for busy practitioners. However, if details of high-quality nursing research that contributes to practice can only be read in Japanese, it cannot be utilized as a new finding shared by the entire world of the nursing academia because there are no borders in philosophy. Thus, the Journal of International Nursing Research (JINR) is established as a new step in the history of JSNR.

Lastly, we would like to express our deep gratitude to Dr. Naohiro Hohashi, Editor-in-Chief, for his great efforts in issuing JINR. This journal would not have been possible without the efforts of Dr. Hohashi. We would also like to thank the staff of Kyorinsha for their devoted cooperation. We are looking forward to the first issue of JINR, which will be published in May 2021. We do welcome postings from nurses (practitioners, educators, or researchers) not only in Japan but all from other countries worldwide, as well as scientists engaged in nursing research. We hope that the papers published in JINR will be actively utilized by many scientists and practitioners worldwide.

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