

EDITORIAL

Welcome to reading the 2012 edition of the annual publication *Acta Kinesiologiae Universitatis Tartuensis* that has undergone a number of changes in comparison with the previous issues.

Beginning with this issue, a new editor has been appointed by the Faculty of Exercise and Sport Sciences of the University of Tartu – the former editor, Professor Toivo Jürimäe has retired and from this academic year bears the title *professor emeritus*. The format of our journal has been changed, and we believe it has become more reader-friendly. Several new researchers have been invited to join the Editorial Board – specifically, a new local group joined the international editorial team to help further improve the content of our journal. From this issue, Tartu University Press sees *Acta Kinesiologiae Universitatis Tartuensis* as one of the leading journals published by them, and so they will render additional help in its producing process. Most important of all, our journal has now become an Open Access publication, this means free access to all articles in this year's edition and in previous issues. *Acta Kinesiologiae Universitatis Tartuensis* can be read from the following link: <http://ojs.utlib.ee/index.php/AKUT/>. As before, our peer-reviewed journal is indexed in Sport Discus Database, and we are working towards the goal of getting indexed in other major international databases.

To become an even more important journal in the area of sport sciences, we wish to print a wide spectrum of the newest findings by scientists all over the world. The journal continues to publish research articles in several areas – exercise physiology, sports psychology, sports pedagogy, physiotherapy, anthropometry, coaching science – and the list goes on since there are overlapping regions related to sport sciences and physical education. Review articles, original scientific papers, case studies and short communications are all welcome. We would like to publish in every issue at least one review article in an important area of sport sciences. In this issue, one review paper brings together insights from research on teacher behaviour related with students' motivation and learning in physical education, while another review article deals with the clinical management of immunosuppression in athletes. You

will also find original articles on physiotherapy, coaching sciences, exercise physiology, ergonomics, health sciences, pediatric exercise sciences and body composition in this issue.

To help authors – previous contributors and newcomers – to submit their articles to this journal, we have shortened the reviewing process to 4–6 weeks and provide quick feedback. This pre-publication process will retain and enhance the international standard of the published material. We are grateful to the national and international reviewers for their input to improve our articles and count on their contribution in the future issues. There can be no research journal without enthusiastic scientists wishing to fill it with appropriate content – so the gratitude is definitely extended to all current and future authors. Together we can and shall improve *Acta Kinesiologiae Universitatis Tartuensis*, making it more visible for the international scientific community. We expect to receive new articles for the next issue of our journal and hope that you consider it as a good place to publish your research results in sport sciences.

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