

Editorial

European Journal of Translational Myology and 2010Spring PaduaMuscleDays

This year our journal reaches the 20th year of publication. Three new section editors and two additional sections, Myology Genetics and Myology Reviews, enrich the Editorial Board of Basic and Applied Myology, renamed European Journal of Translational Myology from Vol. 20. Six issues of the European Journal of Translational Myology will appear per year devoted to scientific contributions, including full papers, short but finite communications, reviews, methods, teaching reports, programs with abstracts of conferences and cirMyo News. Original articles will be printed in four issues of the European Journal of Translational Myology - Basic Applied Myology (ejtmBAM), collection of reviews in two issues of the European Journal of Translational Myology - Myology Reviews (ejtmMyoRev). Focused issues will be edited on specific topics with reviews and original reports. Scientific contributions will be subjected to peer review process by two external reviewers. Section Editors and Advisors are committed to make **BAM On-Line** the European reference for Translational Myology. To achieve this goal, the journal will present more articles in the national languages of the authors to reach a larger audience amongst specialists and practitioners in their own country. On the other hand, we hope that the new section Myology Reviews will disseminate in all Europe forefront knowledge of basic myology and would influence best-practice in Clinical Myology.

Animal experiments in large mammals are of special interest for the European Journal of Translational Myology readers, and I hope that anyone with such expertise would join us and collaborate to our final effort to obtain again the ISI Impact Factor that BAM reached in 1999, but lost due to my laziness. I will submit once again the new Journal to ISI and PUBMED, but a series of excellent issues in 2010 is a prerequisite to have the chance to be finally accepted.

We will print papers on long-term denervated muscle, in particular the follow-ups of the EU Program RISE and Rise2-Italy trials. Results of other muscle clinical and bioengineering approaches, and of molecular, cellular, tissue strategies for muscle healing, recovery, regeneration and reconstruction are welcomed. Articles on monitoring of muscle performance and recovery from genetic and acquired myopathies are also solicited. I am confident the Advisory Board will share the responsibility, together with many new ejtm-BAM Friends. Let me hope that you accept invitation and provide the papers.

The upcoming 2010Spring PaduaMuscleDays, to be held in Terme Euganee, Padova (Italy) next April 22 to 24, 2010, are organized by the Interdepartmental Research Center of Myology (cirMYO), University of Padova. Main goal of the 2010Spring PaduaMuscleDays is to organize an EU Initiative for Translational Myology on Myology Genetics&Proteomics, Malignancy&Myopathies and Monitoring&Treatments. The Workshop of the EU Initiative will open the meeting next April 22, 2010. Two tutorials on h-bFES (home-based Functional Electrical Stimulation) and Functional Echomyography, co-organized by the cirMYO of the University of Padova and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Electrical Stimulation and Physical Rehabilitation, Wilhelminenspital Vienna, Austria are offered to all participants, in particular to those registered for the “Master in Exercise Testing and Research in Rehabilitation Medicine” organized by the Neurorehabilitation Unit of the University of Pisa, Italy. Program and abstracts will be printed in the cirMYO News of the European Journal of Translational Myology - Basic Applied Myology (ejtmBAM) Vol. 20 (1&2), 2010.

To down-load 2010Spring PaduaMuscleDays program, general information and registration, accommodation forms login to BAM On-Line at: <http://www.bio.unipd.it/bam/bam.html>. You will also find there Information for Authors to submit abstracts and manuscripts for both the PaduaMuscleDays and the Journal.

Looking forward to your contributions to the European Journal of Translational Myology, I send best regards.

Ugo Carraro, Editor-in-Chief