

Dear Colleagues,

Seven manuscripts are published in this issue - four investigations concerning cervical or endometrial cancer: one about biological effective dose evaluation and assessment of rectal and bladder complications after radiotherapy and surgery, one comparing dose distribution from Manchester-style and Fletcher-style intracavitary brachytherapy applicator systems, a physics contribution about dosimetric impact of point-A definition on high-dose-rate brachytherapy: evaluations on conventional point-A and MRI-guided, conformal plans and the fourth - educational paper about adjuvant vaginal brachytherapy, as a part of management in early endometrial cancer. Authors from the UK prepared survey of quality control practices for high dose rate (HDR) and pulsed dose rate (PDR) brachytherapy in the United Kingdom, the next published paper is a case report about surgical resection with adjuvant brachytherapy in soft tissue sarcoma of the extremity, and the last - clinical investigation analyzing three functional predictive assays in lymphocytes of patients with breast and gynaecological cancer, treated by external beam radiation therapy and brachytherapy.

This issue completes the fourth year of editing *Journal of Contemporary Brachytherapy*. Everyone involved in the creation of JCB, writing and editing articles as well as reviewing manuscripts, deserve sincere thanks. In front of us, we expect in the next year to be continued, persistent dissemination and exchange of knowledge of brachytherapy cancer treatment. One can always be sure - we expect new technologies, detailed standards and indications for treatment and confirmation of the value of brachytherapy among other cancer treatments. We note with satisfaction the increase in the number of centers in which many young physicians and physicists are interested in brachytherapy, participate in training, choosing brachytherapy.

In the last year, the Editorial Office along with the Publisher continued the process of indexing JCB. Now the Journal is indexed in Scopus, Index Copernicus, EMBASE (Excerpta Medica), Polish Medical Library (GBL), Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), ProQuest base. We are still waiting for indexing in PubMed base, which is formally approved. In 2013 we plan to start indexation in databases from so called *Philadelphia list*. And to receive IF, of course what is possible for the first time in 2013. In order to achieve next steps, we urgently require good, original papers of international origin and numerous citations in other papers. Therefore, please cite JCB articles in your papers. Not only clinical papers, but also review papers, case reports, technical notes - are welcome.

I believe that with the great support of the members of the Editorial Board and our new readers, the coming 2013 year will bring more success to our Journal. Editorial Board will constantly work to improve the quality of the manuscripts printed in the Journal to meet the authors and readers expectations. After fourth year of editorial work I sincerely thank all the Co-Editors and members of the Editorial Board for their help in editing the Journal. I also thank all reviewers for persistent reviewing articles.

Sincerely yours,
Editor-in-Chief
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