

Another step toward the global ultrasound community

ULTRA SONO GRAPHY

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On behalf of the Korean Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (KSUM), I am very pleased to present our new international English open access journal "*Ultrasonography*" to all of our colleagues worldwide.

Since 2010, the KSUM has set its sights on becoming an eminent academic center of the ultrasound community by converting our annual national congress to an international one, the "KSUM Open." Four years after its initiation, the KSUM Open has achieved tremendous success. In 2013, 1,295 participants from 25 countries, about 10% of them from outside Korea, attended the congress. The KSUM Open has become an important regional ultrasound meeting in which many Asian and western doctors can exchange latest knowledge.

To further facilitate the global exchange of knowledge, the KSUM has decided to change our 32-year-old domestic journal to an open access, English-language journal, *Ultrasonography*. Transforming our domestic Korean-language journal into an international, English-language journal engendered a vigorous debate. However, we finally reached the conclusion that a new English journal would be a valuable resource that could enrich the KSUM as well as the ultrasound community worldwide. I believe that it truly is an important additional step of the KSUM to the global ultrasound community. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our editor-in-chief, Professor Jeong-Sik Yu, and all of the editorial board members, both domestic and international. The KSUM has devoted and will devote its best effort to making *Ultrasonography* a successful and prestigious journal in the field of ultrasound in medicine.

I invite all our academic colleagues to submit your valuable manuscripts and promise you that our new journal will remain as a core source of meaningful knowledge in our field.

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