Dear readers,

As our time at the head of Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas draws to a close, we would like to offer special thanks to all those who have contributed to the success of our work in the last 4 years. When the board of directors, chaired by Prof Conejo-Mir, entrusted us with editing the journal, it already had good standing, particularly after inclusion in MEDLINE, a landmark achievement thanks to the excellent work of our predecessors. From that starting point, we decided to relaunch the journal on an international scale by providing an attractive format and contents and enhancing the quality of the original articles. To achieve these goals, we needed to implement significant changes and highly ambitious projects such as the launching of the online English version and the addition of Spanish and international members to the editorial board. Thanks to the unconditional support of our association’s board of directors, these projects went ahead and, though only a short time has passed, the results are clearly visible today.

Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas is currently internationally recognized and has many chances for inclusion in the Journal Citation Report, thereby attaining the impact factor we well deserve. On a national scale we have succeeded in increasing the number of continuous professional training credits per issue of the journal (and now rank among the top Spanish publications in that respect). The number of pages providing scientific content has also grown (2006, 763 pages; 2009, 1492 pages) as well as the number of articles and special supplements. Behind such accomplishments lies the tireless and selfless work of all the members of the editorial board, the reviewers, and, most of all, the authors whose contributions have helped us improve the journal and maintain an excellent scientific standard. We would also like to highlight the efforts of the editorial team at Elsevier Doyma and the invaluable collaboration of the pharmaceutical industry.

We have had the honor of leading the journal at such an historical moment as the celebration of the centenary and we trust that the initiatives carried out to commemorate that great event met with the approval of our readers. Our principal goal has always been to strive for a top quality journal to serve all academics. We have undoubtedly made mistakes and would like to apologize to those who may have been affected in any way.

We bid farewell knowing that we have coordinated a considerable collective effort and that we have shared the enthusiasm of collaborating on our much respected, 100-year-old publication, Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas. We would like to wish every success to the members of the new editorial team and offer our support. We are confident that the journal will grow and prosper through the combined efforts of us all.

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