EDITORIAL

From JKSCPT to TCP

Translational and Clinical Pharmacology is the official journal of Korean Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. It succeeded Journal of Korean Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, (JKSCPT), which have been published biannually in Korean language for 21 years. JKSCPT, as the official journal of KSCPT which was founded in the winter of 1991, has been the only source that heralded the current status and values of clinical drug development and clinical trials as well as clinical pharmacology researches in Korea.

More than 20 years passed since the establishment of KSCPT by Prof. Sang-Goo Shin and his colleagues. At those days, less than five clinical pharmacologists including trainees were there, and presumably, less than ten people in Korea have heard the term ‘Good Clinical Practice’. JKSCPT, as an official journal of KSCPT, has pioneered to propagate and communicate activities in clinical pharmacology and related sciences such as pharmacoepidemiology, regulatory science etc.

However, many of the members of KSCPT have long yearned to have an official journal published in English for open communication of KSCPT with clinical pharmacologists all over the world. Hence, a task force team was organized by Dong-Seok Yim in order to turn this request into reality. In Feb. 11, 2014, the team held its first meeting at a restaurant named ‘Dabong’ in Palace Hotel in Seoul. Members who attended were Dong-Seok Yim (editor-in-chief) and the associate editors Young-Ran Yoon, Ji-Young Park, Howard Lee, In-Jin Jang, and Sung-Vin Yim. They had a brisk discussion on the future of the new journal including its title, scope, format and ways make it a journal worth-reading. The title for the new journal was named ‘Translational and Clinical Pharmacology’ as proposed by Prof. In-Jin Jang. The articles in TCP will include all kinds of academic communications as well as invited reviews and original articles.

This is the first issue of TCP. We know that TCP is a newborn baby whose parents are all of the members of KSCPT. TCP is the future of KSCPT. Love and care are essential for healthy growth of our baby. It is parents’ duty to raise TCP to be a journal worth reading for people interested in clinical pharmacology and drug development in Korea and worldwide. Let’s do it!

Figure: Task force team members gathered to discuss the publication of TCP, as the new official journal of KSCPT.

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