Fifty Years and Moving Forward

With the publication of this issue, the 50th year of the *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus* commences. The advances that have occurred in our subspecialty during this period have been well documented for our readers. Originally called the *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology*, the name was changed to its current title in 1968. This occurrence paralleled the “merger” of the disciplines of pediatric ophthalmology and strabismology. The growth of this publication also mirrors the growth of SLACK Incorporated as a publishing company intricately linked with both ophthalmology and pediatrics. The Journal was the first peer-reviewed medical journal published by the company’s founder Charles B. Slack. One only has to peruse the articles in this issue to appreciate the international appeal of the Journal, through the representation of articles from Ireland, China, the United Kingdom, and Turkey, interspersed with those authored in the United States.

There are many significant changes in the way medical literature is published and accessed, and we choose to remain in the forefront. You will notice that online-only articles are listed in each issue. You will also notice that articles in print list the date on which the article was posted online. These online advanced releases and online-only articles can be found on the web site (www.healio.com/JPOS). We have been able to significantly reduce our time from submission to publication by implementing this system. We encourage our readers to visit www.healio.com, which provides links not only to pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus but also to many helpful educational links in other fields of medicine. This resource with its integration of pediatric ophthalmology into general ophthalmology and other ophthalmic subspecialties is particularly helpful.

We are proud of our association with the *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus* and thank our many contributors and readers who have helped to make us a preeminent source of information for our specialty. We look forward to and are ready to meet new challenges in the delivery of educational information to our colleagues.

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