

## Editorial Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

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## Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Journal of Drug and Alcohol Research (JDAR), which is the official journal of the International Drug Abuse Research Society (IDARS). It is a peerreviewed open access e-journal that will consider a wide range of drug abuse-related topics. It will publish research articles, reviews, commentaries, news and views, and anything else that is of interest to our readers, and it is off to an excellent start.

I am very grateful to everyone who has contributed to getting this publication established. A great deal has been accomplished thus far. The website, journal policies and procedures, and the editorial board are in place. Special thanks to those who have agreed to serve on the editorial board, and, of course, to Syed Ali who is the Deputy Editor and who contributes so much. The support of George Koob, the president of IDARS and an experienced editor, has been invaluable as well. Our colleagues at Ashdin Press have been very cooperative and have made every effort to make this a quality journal.

But, obviously, we have much to do. The very survival of any journal depends on the quality of its publications and its citations. The editorial board and the members of IDARS will play a major role in making this journal a success, and I am very proud to work with this distinguished group. I am open to your suggestions for topics, directions, special editions and more. I look forward to hearing from you, and good luck to us all.

> With my warmest regards, Michael Kuhar Atlanta, GA October, 2012