

Editorial announcement

First *Journal of Anesthesia* symposium to be held

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The *Journal of Anesthesia* (JA) is the official journal of the Japanese Society of Anesthesiologists (JSA). Three years ago, the JA succeeded in being included in MEDLINE. Since then, the articles published in the JA have become available in National Library of Medicine databases that can be searched automatically through Internet portals such as PubMed. Following this achievement, the number of manuscripts submitted to the JA has increased dramatically, from 92–100 in the period 2001–2003 to 147 in 2004 and 141 in 2005. Manuscripts from overseas are also increasing, and thus the burdens of Editorial Board members and reviewers are escalating.

Our next goal is to achieve an appropriate impact factor for the JA. For that purpose, we must continue to improve the quality of the journal and receive excellent review articles from eminent scientists. I would like readers to keep in mind the role of the JA, and I ask you to cite articles published in the JA in your manuscripts when you submit them to international journals.

To make readers of the JA as well as members of the JSA more aware of the significance and role of our journal, we will hold the first *Journal of Anesthesia* symposium at the annual meeting of the JSA in June 2006, in Kobe. The symposium is part of the ongoing projects of the JSA being inaugurated this year, in which a topic that is moving to the forefront of the field of anesthesiology and related sciences is selected for discussion by outstanding researchers. Following the symposium, a summary will be published in the JA.

The theme of the first JA symposium is “Recent advances in strategy for prevention and treatment of lung injury”—a challenging subject for us as anesthesiologists. Four panelists will make presentations and discuss



the topic. I encourage all of you to attend this interesting symposium.

First JA Symposium

Date and time: June 2, 2006, 14:40–16:40

Place: Kobe Portopia Hotel

Theme: Recent advances in strategy for prevention and treatment of lung injury

Moderators: Yuichi Ishibe (Tottori University) and Michiaki Yamakage (Sapporo Medical School)

Panelists: Hidemitsu Imanaka (National Cardiovascular Center), Hideo Iwasaka (Oita University), Naoyuki Matsuda (Toyama University), and Katsuya Mikawa (Kobe University)