

Continued focus on optometry and vision research

The year 2021 has ended with the global pandemic reaching new highs. In this issue of the *Scandinavian Journal of Optometry and Vision Science (SJOVS)* you will learn about the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic from the optometrist's perspective in Nigeria (Musa et al., 2021). You will also get the opportunity to advance your knowledge about advanced imaging of the anterior eye, specifically tarsal plate imaging (Recchioni, 2021a) and about eye movements and fixation stability of children with and without dyslexia (Vikesdal et al., 2021). Meanwhile, both the Italian optometry association SOPTI and the USN National Centre for Optics, Vision and Eye Care organised hybrid optometry and vision science conferences. The scientific abstracts from the SOPTI annual meeting (Recchioni, 2021b). and the Kongsberg Vision Meeting (Baraas, 2021) are published in this issue.

There have been some further important developments to the scope of the journal. The editorial board and scientific advisory board members have been working on different aspects related to continued focus on optometry and vision research, discussing and selecting special topics. We will announce the special topics, one at a time. We encourage optometrists, researchers, and related professionals to submit their work to be considered for publication in a *SJOVS* standard issue over a two-year period, if accepted, manuscripts, will be included in the online collection of the given special topic. The first special topic is announced in this issue of *SJOVS*, this is going to be: *vision screening*. The special topic editorial on vision screening is authored by Scientific Advisory Board member and guest editor Prof. Niall Strang, guest editor Prof. Brendan Barrett and the *SJOVS* Editor-in-Chief (Strang et al., 2021).

We would also take this opportunity to thank all the reviewers for their valuable contribution in evaluating the manuscript submitted to *SJOVS*. The peer review process is an essential component in dissemination research and making it available to clinical and scientific community. Only with peer review is it possible to ensure that manuscripts published in *SJOVS* are have scientific value and the content can be trusted. We know that reviewers often use their own time to contribute to the journal with their expertise and we are grateful for their generous contributions.

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