Editors note

The Editors of Advances in Respiratory Medicine would like to warmly welcome new members of the Scientific Advisory Board. Our invitation to join the Board was kindly accepted by Professor Christer Janson and Professor Raffaele Antonelli Incalzi.

Professor Raffaele Antonelli Incalzi is the President of the Italian Society of Geriatry and Gerontology, Section of the Lazio Region, Member of the study team on "the effects of the heat waves", Italian Ministry of Health. In 2005 he became full professor of Geriatry, Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome (UCBM), Head of the Gerontology Unit, Campus Bio-Medico University Hospital, Rome and Coordinator of the Commission "Cultural fundamentals of Geriatry", Italian Society of Geriatry and Gerontology. From 2004, he is the reviewer for the GOLD (Global Organization on Lung Disease) guidelines, and Member of the Gerson Lehrman Group's Council of Healthcare Advisors, Austin, Texas (USA). From 2002, he is a member of the Commission on "Standard of quality for acute patients", Italian Society of Geriatry and Gerontology.

Christer Janson is a Professor of Medicine at the Department of Medical Sciences, Lung-Allergy and Sleep Research Group, Uppsala University and the Uppsala University Hospital. His scientific interests are concentrating on the field of asthma, COPD, epidemiology and remodeling. His research group examine how environmental factors affect asthma and allergies and how various obesity-related diseases such as asthma, reflux disease, diabetes and sleep apnea impact the quality of patients life. They also try to improve the prognosis of COPD by studying the importance of exercise and nutrition.

It is a great honor for our journal to have such distinguished members in our Editorial Board.

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