Message from new Editor-in-Chief

I have taken over a job of editor-in-chief, International Heart Journal since January 1st, 2013 from Dr. Ryozo Nagai.

International Heart Journal was first published bimonthly as The Japanese Heart Journal in 1960. International Heart Journal had published manuscripts on clinical and experimental cardiovascular research that originated mainly from Japan. Submissions from countries outside Japan have increased and exceeded those from Japan in 2001, and the percentage of foreign submissions reached 66% in 2004. To reflect the increasing international significance of the Journal, The Japanese Heart Journal has been renamed as the International Heart Journal since January 2005.

We are now planning to change the International Heart Journal to be a more international and high impact journal.

We are looking forward to your continued interest and support for the Journal.

Issei Komuro
Editor-in-Chief