As the fourth Editor-in-Chief of the IJSHS (2009-2012)

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I was designated as the Editor-in-Chief in 2009, and together with associate editors Dr. Koichi Kiku (University of Tsukuba) and Dr. Toshimasa Yanai (Waseda University) and the editorial manager Dr. Masaki Ishikawa (Osaka University of Health and Sport Sciences). I have discharged my duties to date for 2 terms. An exclusive IJSHS secretariat staff member also took up the post, as and when they were designated. These members have been very useful in smoothly promoting our editorial activities. I think that previous Editors-in-Chief may have had much difficulty in the clerical work, and so on.

In the first term, during my editorial activities, I found several points which needed to be revised in the submission rules and guidelines, which had seemed perfect, and also in the review procedures. Therefore, I corrected these points and also established consistency between sentences in Japanese and English.

In the second term, I tried to carry out a great reform, i.e., to establish rules that would enable secondary publication between the IJSHS and the Japan Journal of Physical Education, Health and Sport Sciences (JJPEHSS). For example, by these rules, papers that have been published in the JJPEHSS could be published in the IJSHS, with the statement of “Secondary Publication”. Its purpose was to return research results more widely to Japanese and other societies by publishing papers in both journals with different readerships. The Council heatedly discussed the appropriateness of this proposal. Finally it comprehended and approved the points of “Secondary Publication”, and then the rules were approved by an extraordinary general meeting in 2011. I think that these rules are beneficial for members of the Society, who are also contributors and readers.

Although it has been pointed out that the journal’s reviewers are too severe on submitted papers and there are many problems, both the editorial committee’s term of office and my own will expire this fiscal year. I do not have enough time and have to
transfer matters requiring the approval of the general meeting to the editorial committee for the next term. My last big work will be to smoothly pass the baton to the editorial committee for the next term. Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the editorial committee for their cooperation in editorial activities and those who undertook peer review.