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Supporting the foundation of the IJSHS

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Society members had waited for the foundation of an international journal for a long time. This is because, after all, research results published in Japanese are read only by people who understand Japanese. One out of 60 people can understand Japanese in the world. There are no countries in which Japanese is set as the first foreign language. Many scientific treasures would remain buried, if we had done nothing. There have been many members who have, for many years, wished to share excellent studies of Japanese researchers with the rest of the world. Three years before the publication of the first issue, concrete activities started. A special investigation committee on problems related to the foundation of the international journal was established in the Council for 1 year. The committee determined the details of the international journal in its present form and agreed that the journal should get an impact factor score as soon as possible. Some members said that this would be difficult because the IJSHS is a comprehensive journal covering humanities, social and natural sciences. Actually, many international journals with impact factor covered individual fields. However, this very comprehensiveness is the nature and strong point of sport sciences. As one of the members involved in the preparation of the foundation, I expect that the editorial committee will continue to make strenuous efforts.