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Dear Editor

With this **Letter of intention**, International Maritime Health Association expresses its willingness to renew cooperation with your Publisher and Editorial Board on distribution, editing and producing of your internationally known and respected scientific magazine, International Maritime Health.

We recognize its importance for the maritime medicine community and we would like to improve our cooperation for our mutual benefit. It is of our interest that every member of IMHA has access to the articles published in your magazine, hence improving one's knowledge on maritime medicine, and in that matter we expect your proposal.

I am sure that it would be of great interest to your Publisher to achieve the aim of attracting as much as possible articles of the high quality from the pool of our professionals by making you magazine easily accessible to them. I am sure that we can together even improve the rating of IMH, already indexed in MEDLINE, and improve its Scientific impact index in the world of medical scientific magazines.

IMHA, as an internationally recognized association of medical professionals, in the advisory status to IMO, and referring body of different international organizations, expresses its willingness to help you in obtaining adequate substantial support for further development of your respected magazine.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Nebojša Nikolić IMHA President

Editorial note:

We were happy to receive this Letter of intention and we immediately responded to it in a positive way.

The close collaboration between IMHA and our journal was established in 1999 and continued for several years, to the benefit of the Members of the Association who regularly received free copies of the journal until 2002, when this collaboration was interrupted, to our regret.

Still, several IMHA Board Members continued to be actively involved in publishing the journal being the Members of the Editorial Board of the IMH, and have contributed a number of papers for the IMH.

A group of Polish maritime medicine doctors, among them the workers of the Institute of Maritime and Tropical Medicine in Gdynia proposed establishing the international scientific association in this speciality during all consecutive International Symposia since the first one held in Turku in 1991.

Finally, at our repeated initiative, IMHA was set up at the time of the Symposium in Oslo in 1997.

Having this in mind, it is obvious that the workers of the Institute are willing to re-establish friendly links and useful collaboration with IMHA in publishing our journal, and as it was in the past, making it available to all Members of the Association. This no doubt could contribute to better knowledge of the current health problems of maritime workers in the world among doctors who take care of the health of seafarers and fishermen in all the countries, and to finding solutions to the old and new challenges.

We thank the IMHA President and the Board for the kind words of his letter, and we wait for further steps which would lead to re-establishing our collaboration, with the support of the Association.

Editors of the IMH