New Year Message

Persevere and innovate to achieve new greatness

New year, new spring, new landscape, and new hope as 2019 quietly slips by. Under the leadership of the Chinese Nursing Association (CNA) and thanks to the support from all walks of society, the editorial boards and all editors of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House have achieved great success and progress. With their energetic, passionate, and admirable work ethics, they have been striving to perfect themselves, promoted academic exchanges, and played a leading role in developing our discipline. Notably, 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 110th anniversary of the CNA. We plan to expand the scale and promote the "Chinese Nursing" brand. "Chinese Nursing" will serve as the starting point of a series of academic activities to expand the journals’ markets and services. These strategies have increased the impact and development potential and has provided renewed drive for the CNA in its quest to become a world-leading association.

1. Elite journals and committing to innovation

With the implementation of the "Healthy China" Strategy and the rapid information technology development, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House stands among science and technology journals to serve the national construction by playing a leading role in academia. By focusing on the goal of expanding and strengthening the "Chinese nursing" brand, Four Insistences and Four Innovations were committed.

1.1. Insistence on “content and quality as priority”

Insistence on “content and quality as priority” is the fundamental reason why the journals under the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House have achieved great development and expansion. Over recent years, improving the academic, editing, and publishing quality has been the number one priority for the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House. By planning focused themes, organizing manuscripts, and expert writing, the journal now has a leading academic role in China. Since strictly implementing triple reviewing (including double-blind reviewing) and triple proofreading, the credibility of accepted articles has been guaranteed; by adopting a strict review, revision, and editing process, the academic quality and standardization have been continually improved. In 2019, the Chinese Journal of Nursing, the Chinese Journal of Nursing Education, and the International Journal of Nursing Sciences have completed 13, 10, and 3 focused special issues, respectively. These well-received reports reflect the latest development and research achievements in the nursing disciplines and provide academic guidance for nursing practitioners in their clinical work and academic research.

1.2. Insistence on standardized and institutionalized development

A journal cannot be high quality without a comprehensive system and strict management. The Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House persists on treating institutionalization and standardization as an integral part of their work. Based on the demands for development, various regulations and norms on editing and publishing were established and strictly implemented. This ensures the healthy operation of editing and publishing work and has improved the core competitiveness of the journals.

1.3. Insistence on building a talented editing team

The key to journal development is building a cohort of well-trained talent. The Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House does this by implementing training sessions and regular work meetings for chief editors. Professional training for the editorial board members and reviewers is held regularly, enabling them to fully realize the potential of the editorial boards. Meanwhile, training and employment of young editors is an important part of the job. In 2019, a series of themed training sessions aimed at...
1.4. Insistence on collaboration and support to construct a world-leading association

Despite being understaffed with an enormous workload, the journals have completed excellent editing and publishing work. They have also collaborated with the CNA in various work assignments, such as the planning, editing, and publishing work of the Chinese Nursing Association 110th Anniversary Picture Album (1909–2019), distributing news reports of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress 2019 in Singapore in an accurate and timely manner, selection of “One hundred Excellent Nursing Papers in China” in 2019, and other activities to enhance the development and influence of the CNA.

1.5. Innovation on the mode of service and building a high-quality communication platform

Taking full advantages of the editorial committee and editorial department, in 2019 the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House emphasized the need to build a high-tech communication platform with innovative service technology that will serve the whole community of nurses. The fifth Sino-American Nursing Management Forum, the Summit Forum 2019 on Nursing Research and the SCI Nursing Paper Writing and Publishing Training Program were held successfully. With the “Healthy China” strategy as the guideline, the forums focused on key nursing disciplines and hot topics, which were attended by leading figures and elite researchers in nursing from China and abroad and aimed at building a high-tech communication platform for science and research in Chinese nursing.

1.6. Innovation regarding the modes of publication and dissemination to adapt to modern times

The Internet has brought about dramatic changes in the way readers gain access to information. The Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House actively adapts to the changes of modern times and constantly optimizes, upgrades, and makes full use of the journal platform and the intelligent manuscript management system. In 2019, video demonstration functionality could be added to published articles to show new technologies in nursing. By scanning the QR code provided in the article printed, readers can watch operation demonstrations or innovative content and nursing equipment via mobile phones. Innovations were also made regarding the mode of dissemination by emails regularly and point-to-point. In 2019, 300 articles reached an audience of 120,000 by this way. Through the article delivery on the WeChat public platform, nearly 60 quality articles have been promoted for re-dissemination.

1.7. Innovation regarding promoting and improving self-development capacities

Adopting an academia-led operation and improving its economic benefits to maintain self-surviving and self-development capacities are an important item on the agenda of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House. In 2019, the journals innovated on their mode of promoting within the constraints of national policies. In 2019, a total of 22,000 offprints were delivered based on the demands of authors and reader, and several columns under the premise of independent editing right were launched with funding support by a few companies.

1.8. Founding a new academic journal and leading the progress of the discipline

Promoting the development of the nursing discipline that lead academic progress is of utmost importance for the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House. Over the last 10 years, nursing in China has achieved significant development. However, the number of journals on the topic remain small in China, and most are comprehensive journals. The Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House sees this as an opportunity and actively worked to establish nursing journals with the support of the CNA. The Chinese Journal of Emergency and Critical Care Nursing will be launched in January 2020, which will fill the gap for specialized journals on emergency and critical care nursing. This journal will play an active and promoting role in leading precise and specialized development to improve the quality and efficiency of emergency critical care nursing in China, while achieving greater international impact.

2. Significant achievements due to emphasis on quality

2.1. Honors achieved by the journals and their articles

In 2019, the Chinese Journal of Nursing was again honored as one of the One Hundred Outstanding Academic Journals of China, the Outstanding S & T Journals of China, and Top 100 Journals with High Digital Impact. It was included in the Journal Exhibition in Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China.

The Chinese Journal of Nursing publishes scientific, rigorous, highly academic articles. Indeed, it is listed by many medical institutions as the major source of resources and references for professional training and guidance for clinical practice. It also gained the recognition of the national appraisal department for academic articles. In 2019, the article “The effects of standardized nursing on improvement of nursing quality among bedridden patients: a multi-centered study” written by the research panel led by Prof. Xinjuan Wu from the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Beijing Union Hospital was awarded as one of the Outstanding Scientific Papers of the China Association for Science and Technology. It was the only nursing discipline article in China selected this year.

2.2. Listing in important databases and maintaining an advantage in journal evaluation indexes

In 2019, all three journals under the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House were listed in the Chinese Science Citation Database (CSCD), accounting for half (3/6) of nursing journals in this important database. Among them, the International Journal of Nursing Sciences is also listed in PubMed Central (PMC).

In the 2019 Chinese Science and Technology Journal Citation Report (core edition) published by Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC), the Chinese Journal of Nursing is far and away the first in comprehensive discipline evaluation, climbing to 4th place among 2049 core natural science journals. The quality of the Chinese Journal of Nursing Education has increased steadily. According to information published in 2019, the impact factor in the Wanfang database increased to 2.197. The academic impact of the International Journal of Nursing Sciences has continually improved. The CiteScore reached 0.89 in the SCOPUS database in 2018 and is expected to exceed 1.30 in 2019.

The Chinese Journal of Nursing finally gained the funding support of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) for a five-year action plan to establish world-leading sci-tech journals after the fierce competition with thousands of journals.
3. Joining forces for greater achievements in the coming year

The CNA is striving to become a world-leading association, and the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House will relentlessly carry out its strategy to develop an elite science and technology platform and world-leading nursing journals. Face to both challenges and opportunities, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House will rely on the global impact of the CNA, implement strategies for building elite publications, strive to produce world-leading journals, improve its global impact, expand topic selection and planning, and accurately implement cutting-edge technologies and development trends of relevant disciplines by closely following major funding projects such as those supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and inviting cutting-edge articles for publication. We plan to enhance journal management and install a top-tier cohort of editors and reviewers. Improving conditions will attract high-level international talents in editing and management to improve the journals’ core competitiveness.

A multifaceted publishing and operation strategy will be implemented to enhance the impact and benefits of the journals and take full advantage of the nursing journal alliance. Improved communication and cooperation between journals will entice more nursing journals to join the cohort, ultimately building a standardized, concentrated group of nursing journals in China.

The New Year brings new hope, and the journey gives birth to new missions. Inspired by our sense of responsibility and faith and driven by honor and dreams, we firmly believe that the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House will live up to its expectations and embrace opportunities and challenges including technological innovations and fierce competition between journals. As a representative publisher of Chinese nursing journals, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House will face changes in the scientific journal market, accelerate its reform, and realize the full intellectual potential of nursing science experts and the editorial team. It will persevere and innovate to achieve new greatness!

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