New Year Message

Concentrating on development – opening up a new chapter

Looking back on the past and to the future, we have worked hard in 2018 to press ahead, and we look forward to 2019. Over the past year, led by the Chinese Nursing Association and with the support of leaders at all levels and departments, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House has cohered the strengths of all editors/reviewers, authors, and readers while taking innovation and development as the driving force to achieve the purpose of running periodicals rooted in the delivery of “content is king, quality first, pioneering and innovating, all-round development.” Thus far, we have gained good achievements in 2018 that inspire us to take on a new perspective in 2019.

1. Play a key role in the construction of journals and exert considerable efforts

1.1. Quality construction of journals maintains good momentum

In 2018, the serial periodicals of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House, namely, the Chinese Journal of Nursing, Chinese Journal of Nursing Education and International Journal of Nursing Sciences, played a lead academic role by focusing on key points and hotspots in the nursing discipline, actively conducting and publishing special focus issues, and utilizing new media platforms to broaden the channels for promotion and distribution and to provide various subscription channels, such as traditional post office subscriptions, WeChat channel subscriptions, and downloads from websites. At the same time, submissions increased by more than 10% relative to that in 2017. On the basis of the “Industry—Academia—Research” cooperation policy encouraged by the government, we engaged in business cooperation and academic exchanges with enterprises through various channels.

In 2018, the Chinese Journal of Nursing continued to be 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. The Chinese Journal of Nursing ranked fifth among all Chinese journals and the first among Chinese medical journals based on the H index with Google Scholar. The Chinese Journal of Nursing was the only nursing journal indexed in all the well-known domestic databases in China, such as the Chinese Science and Technology Paper and Citation Database (CSTPCD), China Science Citation Database (CSCD) Core Journal, and Guide to Core Journals of China (GJC). The comprehensive score of the Chinese Journal of Nursing maintained its first-place ranking among nursing journals on the basis of the CSTPCD. In November, the Chinese Journal of Nursing was awarded the “Chinese Science and Technology Periodical Boutique Construction Plan Project” by the China Association for Science and Technology. In 2018, the quality of the Chinese Journal of Nursing Education steadily improved, and its IF in the expanded version of CSTPCD made it earn a ninth-place ranking among 27 nursing journals in China. The International Journal of Nursing Sciences had a CiteScore of 0.78 and ranked 48th out of 104 general nursing journals indexed in Scopus. This ranking represents a 24% increase relative to the value from the previous year.

1.2. Promoting progress in the nursing discipline and disseminating scientific research results

In 2018, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House hosted the “One Hundred Excellent Nursing Papers in China” selection campaign for the first time under the sponsorship of the Chinese Nursing Association. Twenty-one nursing journals in China participated in the program. In the same year, three papers recommended by the Chinese Journal of Nursing were listed among the “One Hundred Excellent Medical Papers in China,” and one of these works was selected as one of the Third Outstanding Scientific Papers of the China Association for Science and Technology. In addition, 10 articles in the Chinese Journal of Nursing were selected in the Frontrunner 5000 — Top Articles in Outstanding S&T Journals of China. A total of 60 papers in the Chinese Journal of Nursing were also selected and translated into English through the Journal Translation Project (JTP) sponsored by China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI). This project aims to select and translate top Chinese academic journals to assist global scholars in easily understanding and applying Chinese research outcomes. These achievements enabled the journals of the Chinese Nursing Journals

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Publishing House to play a lead role in the dissemination of nursing research results.

1.3. Supporting nursing research and innovation and building a high-quality academic exchange platform

In 2018, in response to the requirements of readers, authors, and editors/reviewers, the workshop related to nursing research progress and paper writing was held several times. The Salon of the President/Chief Editor of Chinese Nursing Periodicals and the 4th China–US Nursing Management Summit were held in Guangzhou and Suzhou, respectively. The China Nursing Research Summit held in November gathered more than 1300 well-known scholars and experts all over China. The conferences with rich content and strong academic atmosphere focused on the frontier of nursing and successfully built a high-quality academic exchange platform.

1.4. Strengthening the construction of the editorial team and editorial board

In March 2018, the new editorial boards of the serial periodicals of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House with much vigor and vitality were re-elected. New editorial/reviewing experts were trained to improve the review quality. At the same time, young editors and department heads were assigned to participate in various in-service trainings organized by the China Association for Science and Technology and journal development forums, in addition to their regular training each month and regular reviews after the publication of the journals in the publishing house. Therefore, the quality of editing was continuously improved.

1.5. Strengthening the construction of information technology and digital communication

In 2018, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House continuously improved the functions of its WeChat platform and website, through which the functions of paper submission, review, subscription, article download, conference registration and payment, and electronic learning credit certificate download are fully implemented.

1.6. Establishing communication stations and enhancing contact with health care institutions

In 2018, the second session of the meeting for the communication stations of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House was held, and communication stations were established in 27 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities. The communication stations conducted work in accordance with the regulations for the communication station of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House. The communication stations shall serve as a bridge and link to strengthen the communication and contact between health care institutions in all provinces and the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House through the timely submission of nursing information and news and the promotion of the use of new media. All of us will work together to move the information platform of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House into an important position to promote the development of the Chinese nursing discipline.

2. Start a new journey with opportunities and challenges

The construction of a healthy China is an important foundation to build a well-off society in an all-round manner and to basically realize socialist modernization. The National Nursing Career Development Plan (2016–2020) indicates that the new task of building a well-off society in an all-round manner entails new requirements for nursing. During the “13th Five-Year Plan” period, the supply of nursing services should be increased, the rational allocation of quality nursing service resources should be promoted, the capability of primary care services should be improved, and a healthy foundation should be provided to comprehensively realize a well-off society. Promoting the construction of a healthy China and continuing to deepen the reform of the medical and health systems provide rare opportunities for nursing care development.

As the only national nursing academic association, the Chinese Nursing Association will contribute to the building of a healthy country with technology power, which is the important task and goal at the moment. In November 2018, the Chinese Nursing Association was awarded support from the China Association for Science and Technology’s “World-class Society Construction Project.” Academic leadership and cultural communication are an integral part of the development of a world-class society. As an important branch of the Chinese Nursing Association, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House shoulders the heavy responsibility of leading the innovation of nursing research and promoting the dissemination and transformation of scientific research results, which contribute to the innovation and development of the nursing discipline and associations.

The development of digitalization and information has changed people’s way of life and reading habits. The advent of the artificial intelligence era has exerted a profound impact on all aspects of the publishing industry and various formats. The current environment comprises 25 kinds of domestic nursing journals with homogenization tendencies and fierce competition. At present, working staff shortage, inexperienced young editors, technological changes in the publishing industry, and so on are challenges for the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House as it strives to maintain a leading position among nursing journals in China.

3. New starting point, new mission, and new hope

3.1. To take the lead in the innovation of disciplines and enhance the academic impacts of journals

In 2019, the Chinese Journal of Nursing will give full play to the brand effect and ensure the authoritative status of academic communication in Chinese nursing journals by planning and optimizing special issues, continuously improving the quality of periodicals, opening a fast submission channel, reducing the publication period, improving the quality and efficiency of the periodical service, and expanding the journal layout to include 160 pages per periodical. The Chinese Journal of Nursing Education will encourage the editorial board members to solicit manuscripts on key topics, improve the quality of manuscripts, and strive to be indexed in the important journal databases in China. The International Journal of Nursing Sciences will bring into full play the role of the editorial board members, publish special focus issues, broaden the promotion of periodicals in international conferences and international peers, attract considerable high-quality manuscripts, and strive to enter the SCI and other important databases.

3.2. To create nursing research brand projects and advocate for academic integrity

In 2019, we will strengthen the brand building of the China Nursing Research Summit, promote academic integrity, ensure superior services for nursing research while focusing on papers. Guided by the “healthy China” strategy, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House will focus on the key points and other hot topics of the nursing discipline, condense leading figures in nursing
at home and abroad, and plan an international nursing editorial forum to jointly promote the quality of Chinese nursing research. Furthermore, we will participate in nursing research activities, publicize academic ethics and integrity, and strengthen the activities and influence of journals in the field of nursing academics through special training, special survey, and selection of “One Hundred Excellent Nursing Papers in China” in 2019. It will also realize the value of sci-tech periodicals that serve as “the important result issuer of scientific research and the pace setter of scientific research.”

3.3. To strengthen the media communication platform and improve the cohesion between journals and readers

In 2019, we will strengthen the media communication platform of the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House, the popularization of serial periodicals, and the dissemination of important nursing research results through various channels. We will give full play to the role of the communication stations, continue to enrich the content of the special column of the WeChat public platform, and open new columns with clinical characteristics and with response to readers’ requirements on the basis of authors’ and reader’s internal needs. We will also adapt to the changes in reading style; develop video, audio and other communication carriers based on the digitization of academic content; focus on establishing an accurate advertising platform; deepen the service function of journals; and strive to build friendly media for resource sharing, academic achievement communication, and professional technology exchange.

3.4. To expand the alliance of Chinese nursing periodicals and promote the intensive development of nursing periodicals in China

In 2019, we will continue to strengthen the China Nursing Science and Technology Periodical Alliance and deepen the exchanges and cooperation between nursing periodicals on the basis of the successful organization of the Salon of the President/Chief Editor of Chinese Nursing Periodicals five times. We will continue to hold the “One Hundred Excellent Nursing Papers in China” selection campaign while attracting more nursing journals to participate and improve the website. We will also improve the website of the China Nursing Science and Technology Periodical Alliances. Finally, we will promote the standardization, intensification, and corporate management of editing and publishing of China’s nursing journals.

3.5. To strengthen the construction of editorial teams and lay the foundation for the development of journals

In 2019, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House will continue to strengthen the construction of the editorial and publishing talent team by providing institutional guarantee and capital investment for the cultivation of editors, providing training opportunities for young editors and official staff, encouraging management personnel to participate in continuing education training, and encouraging editors to participate in domestic and international academic conferences and to appropriately understand the development trend of nursing research and journals. It is a foundation for the development of journals to build a high-quality team of editorial talents.

The wind is strong, and the tide is surging. Thus, we should sail and break the waves, and we should make considerable efforts. The new era will give us new missions to make new achievements. Looking forward to the future, the Chinese Nursing Journals Publishing House shoulders the important responsibility of making China’s nursing science and technology journals large and strong by continuously improving the academic impact of journals and accelerating the development of the Chinese nursing discipline. In 2019, under the leadership of the Chinese Nursing Association, we will work hard, forge ahead with determination, and strengthen brand construction based on a solid foundation. We will give full play to the ingenuity of the editorial team, authors, and all nursing professionals to contribute to the prosperity and development of Chinese nursing research!

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