FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear ISH member,

Greetings from Barcelona where about 2,700 delegates have just finished the latest annual meeting of the European Society of Hypertension (ESH). It is my pleasure to report on four issues which I hope will be of interest to our readers.

First, and most importantly, the ISH Beijing 2018 Committee met and finalised the “first final” draft of the Beijing programme, now available for our members on the web, click here. In this issue of Hypertension News, you will find a report by Professor Thomas Unger on how the meeting has

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Honorary Doctorate awarded to John Chalmers by Lund University, Sweden

At the time of its 350th anniversary in 2018, Lund University, Sweden awarded Professor John Chalmers, Sydney an honorary doctorate in Medicine. John Chalmers has outstanding qualifications in cardiovascular research with more than 800 original papers. His studies of the effects of treatment to reducing the onset of stroke has had a major impact on our current recommendations for the care of hypertensive patients with or without diabetes mellitus. John Chalmers has also supervised five doctoral students from Lund University at the George Institute for Global Health in Sydney. These programmes have taken place in the context of the National Research School in General Practice in Sweden, funded by the Swedish Research Council together with all medical faculties in the country.

John Chalmers, wearing his doctor’s hat and carrying two major awards. Around his neck: Companion of the Order of Australia, the highest civic award in Australia; on his breast pocket: Officer of the French National Order of merit, presented to him by President Nicolas Sarkozy.
been planned (see page 6) and whom you may meet in Beijing as a speaker during the plenary sessions. ISH has received 1,525 abstracts so far, with the late-breakers still to come. Deadline for submission is 29 June 2018. At the end of May, about 900 delegates had registered, which is according to plan. As before, the accepted abstracts (oral as well as posters) will be published online, but only for those who attend the meeting in Beijing.

Second, the Editorial Board of the Journal of Hypertension met and discussed who will replace Professor Alberto Zanchetti as Editor of the Journal. As many of you know, Professor Zanchetti recently died and is greatly missed by many of us (see page 20). Professor Giuseppe Mancia - previously the Deputy Editor - has kindly agreed to serve as Editor of the journal, with the Secretariat in Milan, until the end of 2021, and the Board thanked him for doing so. The process of finding a new Editor after 2021 will start next year with advertising, letter of interest, interviews etc.

Third, the Publisher of the Journal of Hypertension has previously agreed to give a 15% discount, equal to a saving of USD 495-615, on the open access rate when at least one of the authors is a paying member of our Society and/or the ESH. This offer will now be extended for one year and the Publisher is considering increasing the percentage to 20 or 25%, if all goes well.

Fourth, the 2018 version of the European guidelines on hypertension were presented and discussed during a couple of hours in an overcrowded auditorium (seating 1 700) at the meeting in Barcelona. The presentations were also “streamed” and put on the ESH web-site. In this issue of Hypertension News, you will find two short comments written by Professors Morris Brown (see page 15) and Bo Carlberg (see page 18) on these well balanced and rather conservative guidelines, who - with modern technology - could follow the presentations from home and see the slides in England and Sweden, respectively (!) The ESC/ESH guidelines will be released in full on 25 August.

Have a good read!