

## EDITORIAL NOTE

After a long silence, the African Journal of Nephrology (AJN) is back. This new version of the journal will as before play the role of the official Journal of the African Association of Nephrology (AFRAN). We take this opportunity to welcome all our new and old readers. The evolving nature of nephrology in Africa and the challenges of its practice will continue to be reflected in this African Journal of Nephrology.

As this is first issue of the re-launched African Journal of Nephrology, we wish to announce the following changes:

1. the journal from now on will have 4 issues per year.
2. I am the new Editor-in-Chief.

May I take this opportunity to thank AFRAN for inviting me to serve the association in this capacity. On behalf of the editorial board, I humbly request the support of everyone to contribute to taking this journal to new heights. AJN will continue to be a vehicle for the dissemination of new nephrology knowledge relevant to Africa. It shall establish itself as the premier journal for nephrology scholarship in Africa.

I wish to thank Prof MF Ramzy, founding editor of AJN, for his contribution to the journal for so many years since its creation.

This issue features the following:

1. The Abuja Declaration – the African Journal of Nephrology continues to address this pressing issue related to transplantation while prioritising the transplantation of kidneys and corneas.
2. Abstracts of the 11<sup>th</sup> congress of AFRAN held in Dakar, Senegal from February 16-19, 2011.

As in the past the African Journal of Nephrology has maintained its tradition of providing a French translation of abstracts to communicate to the large constituency of Franco phone countries.

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