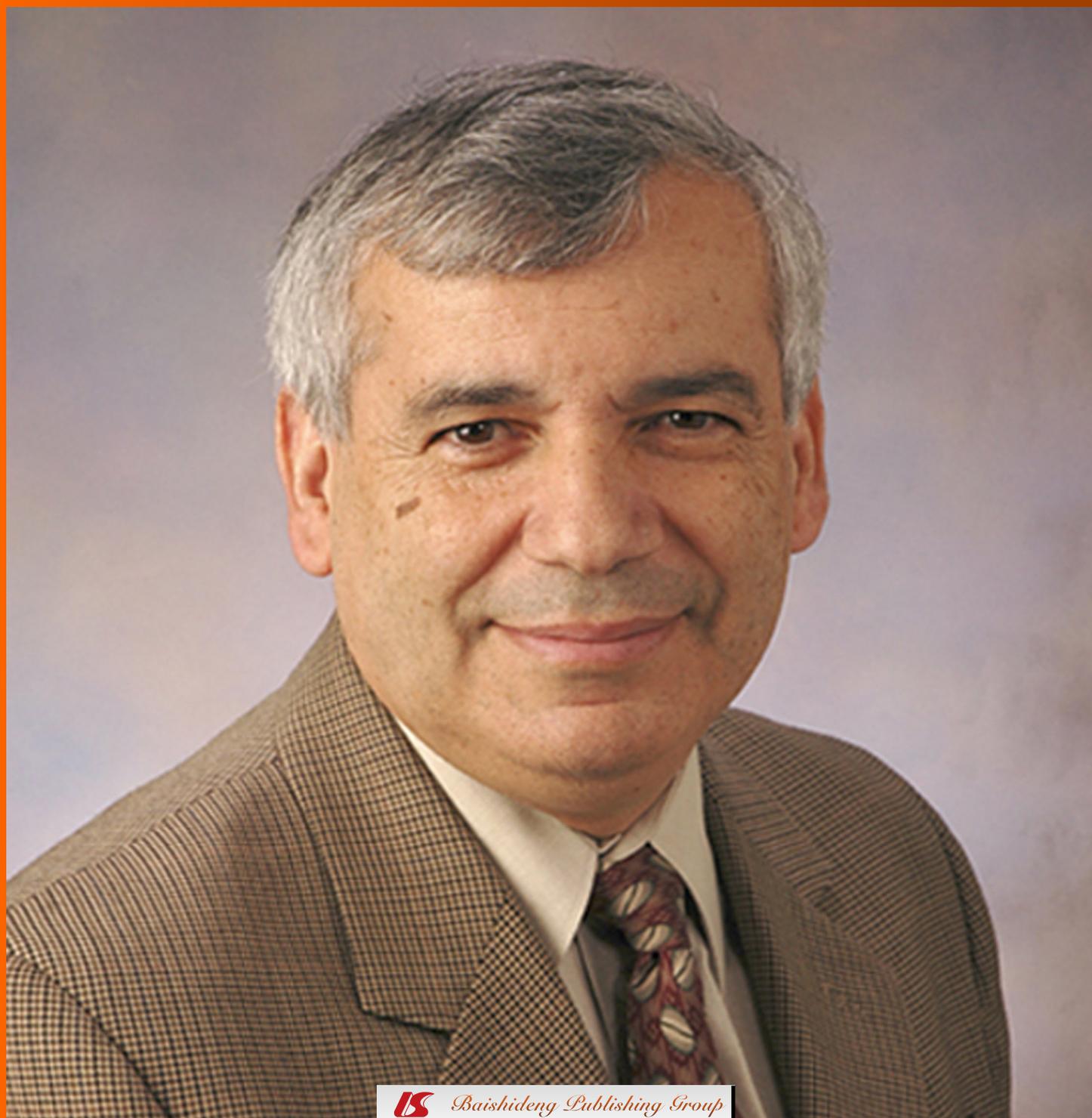


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INTRODUCTION

I am Eduardo H Garin, MD, Professor from the Department of Pediatrics, University of Florida, United States (Figure 1). It is a great privilege to be nominated as Editor-in-Chief of the *World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics (World J Clin Pediatr, WJCP, online ISSN 2219-2808, DOI: 10.5409)*. I am very pleased to announce that the first issue of the *WJCP*, whose preparation was initiated on January 10, 2011, is officially published on June 8, 2012. The *WJCP* Editorial Board has now been established and consists of 100 distinguished experts from 31 countries. I would like to say "Congratulations" to the publisher, members of editorial board of the journal, all the authors and readers for the launch of the *WJCP*!

The rapid development of pediatrics over the last years makes the task of being up to date on medical advances a difficult one. There is the need, then, to have a reliable source available to busy physicians that could serve as a bridge between scientists and clinicians, allowing them to receive the latest information about the practice of pediatrics.

The world has globalized mostly in the ability to communicate. The current pediatric medical journals are readily available but they cater for a restricted area of the

world, resolving problems specific for those areas. The goal of the *WJCP* is to allow authors from different parts of the world to present their research titrated to their geographical areas. The readers of the area will certainly benefit by seeing that the common problems not addressed in the current journals will be answered in our pages.

Of particular importance is the fact that the *WJCP* will provide free, full-text articles in PDF and other formats for experts and the public without registration, which eliminates the economic obstacle of traditional journals.

AIMS AND SCOPE

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CONCLUSION

All contributions to the *WJCP* will be peer-reviewed and will reflect evidence-based medicine. We attempt to achieve higher standards to serve health professionals and researchers in pediatrics. Therefore, readers can read or use, high-quality peer-reviewed articles, without any limits, and cite the arguments, viewpoints, concepts, theories, methods, results, conclusion or facts and data of pertinent literature, knowing that the information has reached the reader after close scrutiny. I am cognoscente of the challenge that the birth of the *WJCP* implies but I am ready to assume leadership to achieve a journal of quality that will bring new information to readers.

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 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

May 3-4, 2012

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 Edinburgh, United Kingdom

May 3-7, 2013

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 Thessaloniki, Greece

May 11-12, 2012

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 Baltimore, MA, United States

May 17-20, 2012

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 Seattle, WA, United States

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 Sedona, AZ, United States

June 4-6, 2012

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 Queensland, Australia

June 7-9, 2012

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 Washington, DC, United States

June 20, 2012

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 London, United Kingdom

June 30 - July 2, 2012

11th International Congress on Pediatric Pulmonology
 Bangkok, Thailand

July 2-6, 2012

20th Annual Primary Care Conference
 Kiawah Island, SC, United States

July 7-14, 2012

33rd World Medical and Health Games - Antalya 2012
 Antalya, Turkey

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 Rome, Italy

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 Dana Point, CA, United States

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 Chennai, India

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 Leipzig, Germany

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 Portland, OR, United States

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