

# Editorial

## Trends and Transitions

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The German-language *Zeitschrift für Gesundheitspsychologie* [Journal of Health Psychology] was established in 1993 to provide a publication platform for the rapidly growing health psychology literature from the German-speaking countries. Although the journal was not affiliated officially with the Division of Health Psychology (Fachgruppe Gesundheitspsychologie) within the German Psychological Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie), it contributed significantly to the establishment of the discipline of health psychology in Germany. Up until today, the *Zeitschrift für Gesundheitspsychologie* has been one of the most important publication outlets for health psychology research in the German-speaking countries.

To improve the accessibility of the research published in the journal to an international audience, authors have for several years been able to publish their articles in English in the journal. In parallel, a complete transformation into an English-language journal was considered and discussed by the previous editors of the journal and with members of the Division of Health Psychology and other colleagues in this field. The outcome of this discussion is now with us: the journal's language of publication will be English from the current issue onwards. We are confident that this transformation into English will contribute to the visibility and also reception of the research published in the journal.

This change of course required some preparation: In 2016, with the publication of volume 24, the last volume in which German-language articles appeared, the subtitle "European Journal of Health Psychology" was introduced. 2017 was spent attracting and reviewing English-language papers. And now from 2018 onwards, starting with volume 25, *European Journal of Health Psychology* will be the journal's main title. The choice of the journal's title was preceded by intensive discussions within the editorial team, a scoping-review by the publisher, and – due to its closeness in name – consultation with the European Health Psychology Society (EHPS). The EHPS Executive Committee

unanimously agreed with this choice of journal title and suggested a closer affiliation of the journal with the EHPS in the future.

It's all in the name – as it is for the *European Journal of Health Psychology*. As was the case for its predecessor, the *European Journal of Health Psychology* is dedicated to the publication of empirical or experimental research in health psychology, including applications, methodological developments, and comprehensive and critical literature reviews on the theory and application of psychological approaches to health and disease. The journal welcomes contributions from around the world, but acknowledges its origin in and relatedness to European health psychology. Editors and publisher are convinced that the internationalization of the German *Zeitschrift für Gesundheitspsychologie*, which will also be reflected in an extended editorial board, will continue to contribute to the success of health psychology research and its implementation in health care.

We look forward to numerous contributions to the *European Journal of Health Psychology* and invite you and/or your working group to submit papers on all aspects of the field! All manuscripts, including Electronic Supplementary Material (ESM), should be submitted online at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/zgp>, where full instructions to authors are also available.

On behalf of the editorial board – welcome to the *European Journal of Health Psychology*!

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