

## Editorial

We proudly announce the launch of the NEW *International Journal of Integrative Pediatrics and Environmental Medicine (IJPEM)*. The journal will address the foremost issues that affect children's physical and psychological wellbeing. IJPEM publishes original research, reviews, case reports, and letters on topics centered on modifiable factors that determine child health, such as environmental pollution, child-parent relationships, ill-child school performance, social circumstances, quality of life of the sick child, mental health, and evidence-based complementary and alternative medicine for children. **Tetyana Vasylyeva** MD, PhD, DSc, is directing the new enterprise as its Managing Editor. Dr. Vasylyeva is a pediatric nephrologist with decades of research experience. **Candace Myers** PhD, the IJPEM Editor-in-Chief, guides the operations of the new journal and helps authors produce quality manuscripts. An international group of researchers makes up the Editorial Board and assists with the peer-review process. Visit [IJPEM.COM](http://IJPEM.COM) for more information about the new journal.

We are pleased to publicize the publication of the first two articles in the new open access journal. The first article, Smoking Experimentation, Moderate-to-Vigorous Physical Activity, and Associated Psychosocial and Demographic Correlates among Mexican Origin Youth, by **A.V. Wilkinson, M.H. Stigler, N.L. Okeke and M.R. Spitz**, is an original research report about children reacting to environmental factors, and the second article, Embracing Make Believe Play and Theories of Childhood: Understanding Children's Spirituality and the Spiritual Essence of a Young Child, by **K. Harris**, is a review of the way nature and make-believe affect the development of spirituality in very young children. Several other articles are in the peer-review pipeline and will be individually published online as soon as they are ready. We hope to witness a steady flow of submissions and subsequent publications. Our intent is to gain listing on all appropriate indices (Medline, PsychInfo, JCR/Web of Science, etc.). It normally takes over a year of timely publications before a new journal's offerings are listed. In the interim, articles are searchable using Google Scholar.

Please enjoy IJPEM's initial offerings and consider submitting your next manuscript to IJPEM for publication.

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