PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

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The Korean Journal of Child Studies, published by the KACS, has continuously been recognized as a high quality publication in the field of child studies ever since it was first circulated. The Korean Journal of Child Studies has finished the first stage of its service contract with EBSCO, a leading international index provider, in 2015; I believe that this contract represents an international level of recognition of the quality of the Korean Journal of Child Studies.

Now, it is time for change to strive for future development, building on our achievements to date. The Korean Journal of Child Studies has been recognized as an official journal of the National Research Foundation of Korea following regular evaluation of our journal; it is also receiving annual grants from The Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies. Starting in 2016, the Federation of Science and Technology Societies, an evaluation agency for academic journals, emphasizes the digitalization and internationalization in its evaluation of journals. Additionally, the National Research Foundation requires the operation of an online journal submission system starting this year. To be registered with SCOPUS and SSCI, these requirements must also be met. As such, the Korean Journal of Child Studies also must strive for similar goals for the journal’s internationalization. While adhering to such social changes is necessary to answer the internationalizing and digitalizing trends of society, our journal troubles itself with how much we should adhere to these changes. While there are demands to publish our journal in English to internationalize, there are also opinions that the journal should stay in Korean to facilitate academic communication between the majority of our members. Therefore, the Korean Journal of Child Studies is pleased to announce the following changes starting from this issue, in order to meet the needs of the time and reflect these diverse ranges of opinions to the fullest.

The following changes will begin with volume 37, issue 1 of the Korean Journal of Child Studies, which was published at the end of February 2016. Instead of the Korean name of our journal, we will introduce the usage of our English name, Korean Journal of Child Studies; the cover and design, paper used, as well as the system will change in adherence to international standards. For those submitting papers, they must use our separate online journal submission system to do so. While we encourage the publication of English papers to meet the needs of internationalization, we will maintain the publication of Korean papers as well.

Please interpret these changes as our attempts to maintain our status as a leading publication and, furthermore, to achieve the status of an internationally renowned journal. We hope that you maintain your interest in and support for our journal so that the Korean Journal of Child Studies, with its new name, will be recognized as a leading publication internationally, and attract superior quality papers. Thank you.

Kyoung Ja Park, President of the Korean Association of Child Studies