

## Editorship of the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry

***The AAGP is proud of its flagship journal, the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry (AJGP).*** The AJGP made its debut in 1993 under the visionary leadership of the late Gene D. Cohen, MD PhD, Professor of Psychiatry at Georgetown University, first chief of the Center on Aging and Director of the Program on Aging at the NIMH and former Acting Director of the NIA. Dr. Cohen was renowned for his work on creativity and development of award-winning intergenerational games. Through Dr. Cohen's tireless efforts, the AJGP grew in its nascent years as a quarterly edition, and became a part of the Index Medicus in 1996.

In 2001, Dilip V. Jeste, MD, became the AJGP Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Jeste is Estelle and Edgar Levi Chair in Aging, Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Neurosciences, and Director of the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Jeste is one of only a handful of geriatric psychiatrists elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences, and the only psychiatrist who has been president of both the APA and the AAGP.

Dr. Jeste has been listed among the *World's Most Cited Authors* of the previous two decades and the *Top Doctors in America*, in addition to many other honors and awards. When he took over the AJGP editorship in 2001, it received about 100 submissions a year with an Impact Factor of 1. Today, the Journal receives over 300 submissions a year, a majority from other countries, and is published monthly. For the past decade, the AJGP consistently has had the highest Impact Factor among all the geriatric psychiatry journals in the world, ranging between 3.5 and 4.1. Throughout this time the AAGP members have rated it as their # 1 membership benefit. Dr. Jeste will complete his 15-year tenure as the Editor-in-Chief on December 31, 2015.

The AAGP Board of Directors is pleased to report that it has selected Charles F. Reynolds III, M.D., as the future Editor-in-Chief of the AJGP. Dr. Reynolds, Endowed Professor of Geriatric Psychiatry and Professor of Neurology, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, and Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, will begin a transition period in January 2015, and start his official tenure as Editor-in-Chief on January 1, 2016. Dr. Reynolds will bring his wisdom to the AJGP from one of the most distinguished and productive careers in our field with over 650 peer-reviewed papers and many years of leadership including President of the AAGP and membership on multiple IOM Study Groups, including the *Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Healthcare Workforce* in 2008. Further, Dr. Reynolds' service to the AJGP as an Associate Editor since 2001 positions him ideally to continue the remarkable momentum it has enjoyed under the leadership of Dilip V. Jeste as Editor-in-Chief.

The AAGP Board of Directors was advised by a selection committee of member leaders who shared a great depth of experience with the AAGP and their procedures involved an

arduous evaluation process and substantial deliberation. The Board would like to express appreciation for the hard work of committee chair William McDonald and members Laura Dunn, Jeffrey Lyness, Douglas Kalunian, Allan Anderson, Paul Kirwin, Stephen Bartels, Meryl Butters, Stephan Arndt and Maria Llorente. *We look forward to seeing our Journal continue to keep pace with the escalating needs of our aging population and rise to the challenge of the silver tsunami under the new leadership.*