

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### КОЛОНКА ГЛАВНОГО РЕДАКТОРА

#### Dear Readers,

Since 2013, Center on the Challenges of Autism: education, research, assistance, protection of rights with the participation of international experts in the field of support to people with autism spectrum disorders annually organizes the International Conference Autism. Challenges and Solutions. Stephen Edelson (USA), Executive Director of the Autism Research Institute, is the permanent co-chairman of the conference committee. In 2018, both the Center on the Challenges of Autism» and the editorial board of the Journal «Autism and Developmental Disorders» (Russia), which is published by the Federal Resource Center for Organization of Comprehensive Support to Children with ASD of MSUPE, mutually decided to cooperate in the context of publication of thematic journal issues. In 2019–2020, the Autism Research Institute became a partner of this initiative. Stephen Edelson took over as the guest thematic science editor. The result of this work is the current issue of the Journal.



MSUPE and the editorial staff of the Journal «Autism and Developmental Disorders» (Russia) highly appreciate the partnership with the Center on the Challenges of Autism and the Autism Research Institute and express deep gratitude to Ekaterina Men and Stephen Edelson for their personal contribution to the development of present issue of the Journal. This issue collected scientific materials from various fields of autism research – neurobiology, autism treatment, ASD in adults.

The editorial express special gratitude to the Temple Grandin, professor of the University of Colorado, who “opened the doors” of perception of the changes that have occurred in the world during the pandemic by a person with autism. An interview with professor Grandin highlighted issues related to the difficulties faced by a person with autism in connection with the current changes, and what are the ways to overcome such difficulties.

The well-coordinated teamwork of the people who took part in the preparation of the present issue, colored with positive emotions and satisfaction from professional cooperation, is of particular value for the editorial of the Journal.

The editorial board expresses readiness for further cooperation with the Autism Research Institute and the Center on the Challenges of Autism in order to integrate the experience of the Russian and international scientific community in the field of autism-related research and the support to individuals with ASD.

The editorial also thank the expert reviewers and consultants whose comments, providing valuable feedback to authors and editors, have led to improvements in the articles published in this issue.

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