

## Editorial

Dear Fellow Scientists,

it is my great pleasure to launch Paracelsus Proceedings of Experimental Medicine (PPEXMed), a new scientific, peer reviewed open access journal, dedicated to advance all fields of medicine and allied sciences. In an era of exponentially expanding medical knowledge, PPEXMed aims to establish itself as a multidisciplinary platform, promoting and disseminating outstanding research on human biology in health and disease, on medical diagnostic procedures, mechanisms and efficacy of medical therapeutic and preventive interaction and on medical care, encompassing all relevant disciplines, and spanning the field from basic science to clinics.

In this endeavor PPEXMed is supported by a distinguished Editorial Board, the members of which are each highly renowned scientists and experts in their respective field of science, and all of whom I want to express my sincere gratitude.

PPEXMed references in its name to the famous European physician Theophrastus von Hohenheim, better known by his cognomen Paracelsus (1493 – 1541), a pioneer of the medical revolution of the Renaissance, who emphasized the value of ancient wisdom in relation to evidence obtained from observation and experimentation for advancing medical practice. By shattering the scholastic medieval paradigms that have been passed down unquestioned from antiquity, Paracelsus is credited with being the first medical scientist, the first classical medical writer to be published, one who paved the way for modern medicine [1-3].

Such spirit of scientific breakup, critical thinking, precise observation, experimentation and deduction, discussion and scientific dispute, as well as the aim to develop ever better answers and solutions to the questions and problems of modern medicine and society, shall centrally lead PPEXMed. Paracelsus Proceedings of Experimental Medicine thus takes an active role in the concerted global effort to enhance medical knowledge, skill and wisdom.

Sincerely,

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Editor-in-Chief



Portrait of the Swiss-born European Renaissance physician Philippus Theophrastus Aureolus Bombastus von Hohenheim, by cognomen Paracelsus, a pioneer of the medical revolution of the Renaissance leading the way to modern medicine [4].

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