

Brief Interview with Dr. Joel K Weltman (Editor-in-Chief)

Journal of Medical Microbiology & Diagnosis

1. **How many years have you been practicing and/or performing research?**

55 years.

2. **What is the research topic you are working on now?**

Influenza bioinformatics

3. **What makes an article top quality?**

Validity, originality, insight and usefulness.

4. **What are the qualities you look for in an article?**

Validity, originality, insight and usefulness.

5. **Do you have any research funding (NIH or other national funding) now?**

No.

6. **When did you become an editor of OMICS Journal?**

Editor, 2011; Editor-in-Chief, since 2012.

7. **What is your greatest career accomplishment?**

I have been reasonably productive throughout a long career. That is my accomplishment. I hope to be able to continue into the future.

8. **How does the research published percolate through to practitioners?**

By application to clinical and biomedical problems

9. **What is the purpose of serving as an editor?**

(1) responsibility of repaying society for opportunities received and a good life

(2) constructive, rewarding and enlightening interactions with fellow members of the

Editorial Board, with the scientific and the medical contributors to the journal and with the staff of the OMICS Editorial Office

10. Do you have any patents?

Yes. Six (6) US patents + one (1) Belgian patent.

11. Have you contributed any editorials or papers (any types) to OMICS Journals in the past two years?

Yes. **(1)** Weltman, JK (2012) Editorial, Analytic Approximations of SIR Compartmental Models of Infectious Disease Epidemics; J Med Microbiol Diagnosis, June 25, 2012, 1:e110. doi:10.4172/2161-0703.1000e110.

(2) Weltman, JK (2012) Editorial, Some Implications of Mathematical Analyses of Epidemics; J Med Microbiol Diagnosis, Oct 18, 2012, 1:e115. doi:10.4172/2161-0703.1000e115.

(3) Thompson, WA and Weltman, JK (2012) Bioinformatic Analyses of 2009-2010 Pandemic H1N1 Influenza A Hemagglutinin Subsets; J Med Microbiol Diagnosis, June 25, 2012, 1:e110. doi:10.4172/2161-0703.1000e110.

12. Do you plan to contribute any editorials or papers to OMICS Journals in the near future?

I hope so!

13. Do you have any trouble with OMICS Journals in the past?

No.

14. Would you recommend OMICS Group to your friends or colleagues?

Yes, but it is a limited recommendation. We must receive full recognition by the medical, scientific and web indexing services before my recommendation is without reservation.

15. How do you differentiate Journal of Medical Microbiology and Diagnosis with other journals in the field?

I think the JMMD has a remarkably broad scope of microbiology: molecular, biochemical, cellular, bioinformatic, clinical, epidemiological and pharmacological.