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# A note from the Editor in Chief regarding the Letter to the Editor “Great need for changes in higher education in Greece”

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In this issue of *Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)* publishes a Letter to the Editor entitled “Great need for changes in higher education in Greece” [1]. The letter by Ioannis Bakoyiannis and Colleagues is unusual as regrades the aims and scope of this journal. However, we decided to publish it for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, education and research are the basis of any scientific journal and therefore, *CCLM* should strive to emphasize the need to preserve the efforts and investments to promote education and research for future generations. Second, the economic crisis did not affect Greece exclusively, but many other countries, and particularly in Europe the phenomenon of “Brain Drain” is affecting not only Greece, but Italy, Spain and many other countries as well. As *CCLM* is the official journal of the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM), the paper by Bakoyiannis and Colleagues is of interest for the broader

readership of this journal and should raise further initiatives and debates on this issue, promoted by the EFLM. Third, we would like to emphasize, once again, the need for promoting meritocracy and excellence in all medical schools and academic centers to maintain and increase the quality of scientific publications.

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