

Editor's Report 2010

1. Introduction

Vision

The European Journal of Orthodontics (EJO) has a long history of providing a top level platform of expression for the membership of the European Orthodontic Society and the wider scientific community. The EJO is very well respected and based on excellent solid foundations and traditions. My vision is to embrace these merits and continue the development of a well orchestrated journal, based on top quality research that promotes clinical excellence.

Direction

The EJO has traditionally had a progressive and modern approach that has brought high standards of publication. As Editor, my aim for the future is to build on this and to take the EJO forward while still keeping the Journal responsive to the Membership of the European Orthodontic Society.

Strategy: stay compact, attract the best

- i. Maintain the journal as a publisher of a relatively small number of high quality publications
- ii. Continue to develop super efficient online manuscript handling (submission, review, production, author and reviewer feedback)
- iii. Have an unbiased editorial system with equal opportunities for all potential contributors, maintaining independent double blind manuscript reviewing
- iv. Have high standards of professionalism and ethics, including checking all new submissions for plagiarism

2. Change over of editors

On 1st September 2010 David Rice took over from Fraser McDonald as Editor.

3. Change of journal administration

On 1st September 2010 administration for the journal moved from the EOS London office to David Rice (Helsinki) and Oxford University Press (Natalia Clarke virtual editorial assistant, Paul Kidd, Health Sciences Publisher and Eva Gooding in charge of production). After 1st Sept 2010, many revisions of old manuscripts were still kindly handled by Fraser McDonald and Sue Austin. They also kindly oversaw the production of Volume 31 Issues 5 and 6. The change over period has proceeded smoothly. I thank Fraser McDonald and Sue Austin for the help that they have given me.

4. Online manuscript handling

On 1st September 2010 the EJO changed from a paper-based system to an online manuscript handling system for article submission, review and production. The change over occurred smoothly.

5. Journal statistics

The **number of original article submissions** in 2010 was 340. Since 1st September 2010 there has been a sharp increase in submission rates.

Manuscript acceptance rates have decreased from 51% in 2009 to 24% in 2010.

Manuscript timings are slightly misleading as some manuscripts will have been new to the online system but will have already had reviews performed under the old system, these will have shorter submission to decision times and review times.

Manuscript production: volume 32 consisted of 6 issues totalling 754 paginated pages.

Average days from submission to first decision	19
Average reviewer turnaround time (days) - Original article	12
Average days from submission to final decision	20
Accept Ratio (accepted manuscripts/manuscripts with a final decision)	24%

6. Plagiarism/duplication

Since 1st September 2010 several instances of attempted plagiarism have been detected. As a consequence a system to help identify text that has been reproduced without appropriate citation or permission has been introduced. This includes scanning all new submissions with the iThenticate© system. Thereafter manuscripts are checked manually.

7. The Associate Editors, the Editorial Board and Officers of the European Orthodontic Society

The Associate Editors, the Editorial Board and Officers of the European Orthodontic Society have been very effective in: editing and reviewing manuscripts; advising on electronic submission and article handling; advising on scientific matters and publication ethics; selecting the Beni Solow award winner; helping to shape the future direction of the Journal. I wish to thank them all for their excellent work and support they give the journal.

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