

Editor's report 2011

1. Introduction

The current strategy is to keep the *European Journal of Orthodontics* a compact scientific journal with the best quality publications and to maintain efficient and fair manuscript review and production.

2. Journal statistics 1 January to 31 December 2011

New submissions rose sharply in 2011 but have now reached a plateau level of approximately 520 per year.

New submissions received (2011)

Original articles	515
Book reviews	8
Letters to the Editor	7
Total	530

Decisions made on submissions (2011)

Article type	Accept	Reject	Total number of decisions	Acceptance rate
Book review	8	0	8	100.0%
Letter to the Editor	4	2	6	66.7%
Original article	91	432	523	17.4%
Total	103	434	537	19.2%

Manuscript handling timing for original articles (2011)

Average time from submission to first decision (accept, minor revision, major revision, reject)	19 days
Average reviewer turnaround time	12 days

Manuscript production and contents: Volume 33 consisted of 6 issues totalling 734 paginated pages

Type of publication	Number of publications
Book review	7
Letter to the Editor	4
Original article	112

Production backlog: Over the last 2 years the EOS has purchased additional pages for each journal issue. This means that we can publish more articles per issue. This initiative, combined with a decreased manuscript acceptance rate, has reduced the production time. However, there is still an unacceptable production backlog with a production time to print of approximately 1 year. I hope that the EOS will continue to support this excellent initiative.

3. Plagiarism

Since 1 January 2011, all new submissions have been scanned for plagiarism with the iThenticate® system, which is part of the CrossCheck initiative. Following the

iThenticate® scan manuscripts are checked manually by the editor. In 2011, 10 instances of plagiarism were detected that required action by the editor.

4. The Associate Editors, the Editorial Board and Officers of the EOS

In November 2011, I was saddened and shocked to hear that our associate editor Tiziano Baccetti had passed away. He died on Friday 25 November in Prague. He was 45-year old, one of the top orthodontic researchers, and in the prime of his career and life. He was an enormous help to me personally and an enormous asset to the Journal. He is sadly missed by all at the Journal. My condolences go out to his family, friends, and colleagues.

Theodore Eliades (University of Zurich, Switzerland) has been appointed associate editor, and Teitur Jónsson (University of Iceland, Reykjavík), Peter Proff (Regensburg University Hospital), and Guy Willems (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) have been appointed to the editorial board. All of these scientists represent different fields within orthodontics and are very welcome to the editorial team.

The associate editors, the editorial board, and officers of the EOS have been very effective in editing and reviewing manuscripts; advising on ethical, scientific, and logistical matters; selecting the Beni Solow award winner; and helping to shape the future direction of the Journal. I wish to thank them all for their excellent work and erudite support they give the journal.

5. New developments

Commentaries

Volume 34, issue 3 will have the first commentary. The idea is to highlight good work and to explain to the orthodontic world why an original article is of particular merit. The idea is also that the commentary would be a very short review of the field written by a world expert, which would be cited in its own right. Commentaries will be invited rarely, only a handful per year. The commentary will be published together with and will be linked to the original article.

6. Administration

I thank the staff at Oxford University Press, particularly Natalia Clarke (editorial assistant), Eva Gooding (production editor), and Paul Kidd (publisher, health sciences), for the smooth running of the Journal. I also thank Sue Austin and Martine Turell in the EOS office for their help.

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