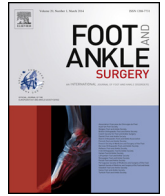




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## Editorial

### Foot and Ankle Surgery update 2020<sup>☆</sup>



Since the last editorial report about our journal in 2018, our journal has developed extremely well [1]. Ian Winson and Daniele Marcolli joined the team as Associate Editor, both were Review Editors before. Hakon Kofoed retired from his position as Associate Editor after having put enormous efforts in the journal. I thank him personally and on behalf of the Editorial Board for his commitment. In 2019, a total of 414 articles were submitted and 137 of those were accepted. 149 articles across 6 issues were published. 2019 was the second year in which the number of annual issues increased from 4 to 6 and the number of pages per issue increased from 80 to 150. In 2020, 8 issues with 125 pages, i.e., 1000 pages in total are planned. This will allow to publish the current backlog of accepted papers until the end of 2020. At the time of preparation of this report (February 12, 2020), there were 116 Articles-in-Press on ScienceDirect. The rejection rate in 2019 was 63 %, and is 67 % so far in 2020. In 2019, the average speed for submission to first decision was 9 weeks, submission to acceptance 21 weeks, submission to first online publication 23 weeks and submission to final publication in the printed journal 90 weeks. The time from acceptance to online publication is low (3 weeks) but the time from acceptance to printed publication very high (70 weeks). This long period is addressed with more issues and pages as outlined above. Online journal usage was decreasing 2019 (132,000 in total) because one of the journals websites ([www.footandanklesurgery-journal.com](http://www.footandanklesurgery-journal.com)) was closed and will hopefully increase again in 2020 based on the other online-platforms. The highest usage per country 2019 was from United States, United Kingdom and Australia. The distribution of authors' origin grouped by country or region for 2019 was as follows, Europe 76, Asia 33, North and Central America 20, South America 1 and Africa 3. This reflect that the journal is real international with relevant active and passive usage worldwide. In 2019, the numbers of advertisements increased from 1 in 2018 to 14 in 2019 which is a significant improvement. *Foot and Ankle Surgery's* current (2018) Impact Factor is 1.363, down

from 1.458 in 2017 which reflect a dilution effect of the citation from more published articles. The journal is currently ranked 51st of 76 titles in the orthopedics category. The 2019 Impact Factor should be released in June 2020. The EFAS Score Committee received the Best Paper Award 2018 for the manuscript EFAS Score – Multilingual development and validation of a patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) by the score committee of the European Foot and Ankle Society (EFAS) [2]. The best performing reviewer 2019 was John Wong Chung with 33 completed reviews which is an outstanding effort. The best 10 reviewers 2019 will be acknowledged during the planned reviewers' reception during the EFAS Congress 2020 in Marseille.

Most of these goals are based on increased workload especially for the editorial board. We do have very good reviewers and we are continuously looking for more good reviewers. When you have a certain level of scientific experience, you are encouraged to join the editorial team, and to be part of our success. Send your application including CV and personal publication list to the editorial office.

We are looking towards a very positive future with *Foot and Ankle Surgery*. Be part of it as reader, author and reviewer.

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