

The *European Thyroid Journal* Reaches Its Sixth Year of Publication with Honours

It is with some pride that we announce the *European Thyroid Journal* (ETJ) is now entering its sixth year of publication. Last year has been a very fruitful year for the ETJ. The number of submissions in 2016 increased by 30% compared to submissions in 2015. Nevertheless, the time between submission and notice to authors of editorial decision did not increase and remained 41 days on average. To accommodate the increasing flow of submitted papers, we will increase the number of issues in 2017 from 4 to 6, meaning ETJ is becoming a bimonthly periodical. The number of pages in the 2017 volume 6 will increase by 17%. Unavoidably the rejection rate, which is now just above 60%, will rise further – at the same time allowing us to select even more strictly the best-quality papers for publication. In 2016 the journal earned a listing in the Emerging Sources Citation Index. The tragic death of Peter Laurberg, our associate editor for clinical thyroidology, was a great loss for the journal. Peter always promoted the journal, and actually it was his idea to start ETJ. We are fortunate in having Simon Pearce as his successor. Several new ventures started in 2016 to promote the journal even further, and they turned out to be rather successful. ETJ is now present on social media. An ultrashort synopsis of every individual paper, usually presented with a provocative question, is

placed on Facebook frequently. We believe social media play an important role in how scientists and health care professionals obtain information about progress in science and changes in clinical practice. Social media might also be involved in author decisions regarding journal choice. So follow ETJ accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The Annual Best Reviewer Award was presented for the first time at the European Thyroid Association annual meeting in September 2016 in Copenhagen. Criteria are the number of reviews, the quality of reviews, and the speed of reviews done for the journal. The award winner was Prof. Maria Alevizaki from Athens, earning a plaque as well as free registration and travel reimbursement for the Copenhagen meeting. The reviewer award is just one way in which we want to express our gratitude to all persons who act as reviewers for the journal. Their names for the year 2016 are listed below: one of them will be selected for the next Annual Best Reviewer Award. As I have said repeatedly before, fair but critical reviewers are essential to maintain the scientific quality of the journal at a high level.

Also on behalf of the associate editors Furio Pacini, Simon Pearce, Luca Persani and Josef Koehle, Wilmar M. Wiersinga
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