

Editorial

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Dear Colleagues, Dear Readers,

We would like to update you about several innovations and changes related to *Neuropediatrics*, which have been effected with the February issue of 2014.

In view of an increasing flow of manuscripts, the page budget of the journal has been increased by more than 10% in 2014, with a further increase planned for 2015. In addition to the increase in pages, and in order to publish more articles, we are encouraging authors to take advantage of the option to incorporate online-only supplementary material (supplementary figures, tables, references) into their papers. The article categories have been further defined, specifying the allowed word count, number of figures/tables, and number of references. Please consult the modified "instructions for authors" on the journal's Web site.

We continue to encourage authors to submit short communications (case reports), provided they add a relevant and novel aspect to our current knowledge. With this issue, we are opening up the journal to publish supplemental video material. Video material will be accepted along with a paper if it adds substantially to the written message and we will be very selective in this respect. For technical details, please consult the "instructions for authors."

We are pleased to report a constant flow of manuscripts, with a rejection rate in 2012 of just under 50%. In order to further accelerate editorial process in 2014, we will be asking

authors to revise and resubmit manuscripts within 6 weeks of the first decision. Fortunately, we have been able to reverse the declining Impact Factor and saw the journal achieve a score of 1.192 in 2013.

The editorial board too has undergone changes this year. We are grateful to those members who have stepped down and we thank them for their academic contribution to the journal. At the same time, we are happy to welcome our new board members who will feature on the masthead of each issue.

The quality of any journal depends largely on the input from its reviewers. We are very grateful to all reviewers who have supported *Neuropediatrics* with their expertise. In an effort to thank all reviewers for their invaluable contribution, we will acknowledge them by publishing their names in the first issue of *Neuropediatrics* each year. For the year 2013, the editors would like to thank the following colleagues (see Thank You, Reviewers!) for their time and expertise in reviewing manuscripts. They not only have enhanced the quality of the content but they also have guided new researchers/authors with their precious advice.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all those who contributed to the successful and timely publication of *Neuropediatrics* in 2013: authors, reviewers, associate editors, and the publishing team. We are grateful to our readers for their interest, and we continue to welcome feedback.

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