

Editorial - the first Impact factor for Radiology and Oncology

Dear authors, dear readers, dear reviewers of Radiology and Oncology. The year 2011 was crucial for Radiology and Oncology, we have got the first Impact Factor for 2010; 1.97 in the field of Oncology. Our journal is currently listed on the place 119 among 185 journals. The factor assigned is very high, which makes us even more obliged to continue with the editorial policy that has brought us to such success. The immediate response of the community was increased submission rate. As the result of that it was a great effort of the editors, based on assessments of the reviewers, to select the best manuscripts that were published in 2011 and are being in publication process now. In relation to that also the rejection rate increased to 55%.

Encouraged with the success so far, we are introducing some novelties that should help us to maintain good quality of published articles and speed up editorial process. In relation to the first, we introduced plagiarism checking and in respect to the second we have introduced the electronic editorial system. The electronic editorial system on www.radioloncol.com is an easy system for electronic submission of manuscripts, which will also help the editors and reviewers to professionally manage the manuscripts. Your comments on the efficacy of it will greatly help us to improve our communication with the authors. This web site will gradually become the principal home page of Radiology and Oncology. However, the open access of the papers will still remain on <http://versitaopen.com/ro>, as it is now.

The open access policy of Radiology and Oncology brings also a financial burden that has to be shared with the authors, as many open access journals do. Already in 2011 some authors have responded to our invitation and have voluntarily paid publication fee, we are grateful. This year we will continue with this process, put some pressure on the authors, especially those that have their research subsidized by research funds. However, we will continue to publish printed copy of Radiology and Oncology, along the open access.

To maintain the quality of the papers we ask reviewers to rigorously evaluate the manuscripts. In order to continue with fast publication in E-ahead of print on <http://versitaopen.com/ro> we need also their quick response. Since Radiology and Oncology covers different aspects of oncology, we need reviewers from different specialties. This task will remain predominantly on the members of the Editorial Board, but we are asking also other experts for their help; all those that are interested please feel free to send me a note and we will put you on the referee's list.

The growth of our journal is a great challenge for us at the editorial office and we invite you all to participate in this endeavor. Send us high quality papers for publication, be rigorous and fair in the reviews, and finally and of utmost importance, help us in even higher recognition of our journal in the professional community.

Best regards,

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