

## EDITORIAL: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE JOURNAL (II)

Forty years in the life of a man indicate a turning point – he is no longer young and he enters his prime of life. In the life of a journal, 40 years of continuous appearance could also mean that the journal enters its “prime of life”. There must be something keeping the journal alive all these years, and in case of Acta clinica Croatica we believe that the thing keeping it alive is the quality of published papers and good editorial work. As two round figures have happened to couple (the year 2000 and volume 40 of our journal in the year to come), the editors have decided to make some innovations and improvements in order to further increase the quality of the journal.

The biggest news is the beginning of electronic edition of Acta clinica Croatica that can be found at web page: <http://www.acta-clinica.com>. Electronic edition has started with the first issue of the 2000 volume. The editors and web master are grateful for all your comments and they welcome your further observations. We are glad to say that the number of visitors to the journal web site greatly exceeds our expectations. After some difficulties in the beginning, the journal web page can be easily accessed and the first issue contents can be read smoothly. We hope that the number of visitors to the journal web page will continue to grow.

The editors will continue to make improvements in Acta clinica Croatica. Maybe these changes will not be as significant as the start of electronic edition, however, we think that even small changes can occasionally be very important. Beginning with this issue, the journal imprint has been redesigned. The graphic appearance of the imprint has been changed, as seen on the cover. Since the journal is owned and published by Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital and Institute for Clinical Research, the emblem of the Hospital is included in the imprint. A new member has been included among the journal editors. New sections (Editorial Assistants and Technical Editors) have been introduced, and some members of the Editorial Board have been replaced. Substituted members of the Editorial Board have been retired, so new members had to be appointed, as it used to be done in the past. The editors believe that these changes will significantly improve the editorial work, which is essential for the journal life.

However, the quality of the journal depends only to some extent on the editorial work. The major depicter of the journal quality is the quality of the papers published in it. Therefore, it is crucial that authors continue to submit high quality papers to be published in Acta clinica Croatica. The number of quality papers allows the editors to select the best of them for publishing in the journal; high quality papers published in the journal attract authors to submit ever better papers for publishing, thus making it ever easier for the editors to select papers for publishing, and so the process constantly improves the quality of the journal from within. The editors invite all journal readers to submit papers presenting their work for publishing in Acta clinica Croatica.

The editors will continue doing their best to improve the quality of the journal, however, little success can be achieved without the help from the authors. However, we believe that the editors in coordination with all our readers and authors will continue to make the journal ever better as its jubilee, its 40th volume, is approaching.

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