

EDITORIAL

With the last year we have completed 20th volume of *Psychiatria Danubina*. These last three years has been a very fruitful period for our journal which has become the most important regional psychiatric journal according to the opinion of many psychiatrists and regional opinion leaders in psychiatry. This fact is largely due to the covering by the Index Medicus/MEDLINE, Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), as well as by the others like Scopus.com, BioMedWorld, etc. We have attracted more and more high quality submissions. Also we enabled young researchers who often have very limited personal budgets as well as to researchers from countries with low income to publish their quality papers. Last issue of our journal was devoted to presenting psychiatry in Slovenia. Next issues will be devoted to psychiatry in Serbia and Bulgaria. We are going to continue with this policy of presenting psychiatry in Danube region countries. *Psychiatria Danubina* has regularly covered the Danube Symposions on Psychiatry, the Central-European Neuropsychopharmacology Symposiums, and some national congresses with international participation. This policy has been recognized as a significant support in rising the quality of these manifestations.

The journal has switched successfully to electronic submission and review of all manuscripts. Our review time from submission to initial decision has been significantly reduced. In addition, we also making strong efforts to reduce the time from acceptance of an article to its publication. In spite of today's economic crisis and pressures, we have succeeded to increase the number of pages per issue.

Our important goal is to rise our Impact Factor and enter the Current Content (CC). Having papers published in journals covered by the CC is one of preconditions for progress in academic career in many Danube region countries. We are well aware that there are some problems with Impact Factor System, including the possibility to actively influence it by publishing policies not related to the quality of the papers and fitting the character of journal. Our editorial and publishing policy is to select original and review papers, view point articles and case reports independently of any calculations about how directly manipulate the Impact Factor. Our decisions are exclusively based on the scientific originality and clinical utility of the papers. Special gratitude goes to expert reviewers for their help in increasing the quality of published articles. We are lucky to have such eminent names as our reviewers.

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