



Editorial

OUR JOURNAL: FURTHER PERSPECTIVES

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During the National Assembly of the Romanian Society of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases, held in Brașov, on the 26th of May 2017, Prof. Dr. Maria Moța announced her withdrawal from the position of Editor in Chief of the Romanian Journal of Diabetes Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases (RJDNMD). During the period in which she held leading positions within the Journal (both as Managing Editor and later as Editor in Chief), Prof. Dr. Maria Moța was of paramount importance in the process of reviving of the Journal, in the improvement of the scientific quality of papers published and not least in increasing global visibility and scientific impact of the Journal. Of note is the fact that despite all the encountered difficulties, Prof. Moța managed to publish the Journal according to the desired periodicity (four times a year) without making any compromise in terms of quality or scientific impact of the published papers. During the period Prof. Moța managed the RJDNMD the visibility of the Journal increased significantly, the papers published in the Journal being now indexed in prestigious international scientific databases like: The Directory of Open Access Journals, SCOPUS (Elsevier), Google Academic, Index Copernicus or The Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure and the list may continue, these

being just a part of the indexing services which are crawling articles published in our Journal.

Attesting the Journal’s quality and scientific impact, starting with 2012, the RJDNMD is published by one of the most prestigious publishing houses worldwide: DeGruyter International, an aspect which can be also considered as a “Quality Seal” for the RJDNMD. All these aspects significantly increased the Journal’s overall visibility and impact on the scientific world in a way that can be observed through the shift in the geographical distribution of the published papers: if in the first years of the journal’s existence most of the received papers came from Romania, nowadays more papers are being received from the international scientific community than from Romania.

During the same General Assembly, it was decided that the position of Editor in Chief will be held by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cristian Guja (former Managing Editor of the Journal) respectively the position of Managing Editor by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdan Timar. The new editorial team aims to continue and expand the efforts of the latter, the main goals being divided in three major components:

- To increase the Journal’s desirability by being one of the authors’ top choices in the field of diabetes and metabolic

diseases when submitting their papers for publication, thus increasing the quality of published papers by applying a higher standard of acceptance

- To raise the Journal's visibility, citations and scientific impact
- To improve the editorial workflow and traceability

To increase the desirability of the author's choice for submission regarding our Journal, the new Editorial Board aims to index the Journal in two major databases, in a stepwise manner: the first target is indexing in The U.S. National Library of Medicine - National Institutes of Health (PubMed and PubMed Central) followed by the indexation in Thompson Reuters Web of Science Core Collection (ISI). To prepare the application for indexing in these two international scientific databases, emphasis will be put on implementing the standards recommended by the International Committee of Medical Journals Editors regarding the conduct, reporting, editing and publication of scholarly work in medical journals [1] and on the principles of transparency and best practice in scholarly publishing, as recommended by the joint statement of the Committee on Publication Ethics, Directory of Open Access Journals, World Association of Medical Editors and of the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association [2]. These two statements provide guidance regarding healthy publication of scientific medical articles and clearly describe the best practices regarding the evaluation, review and publication of medical literature.

Improved desirability aside, indexing in these two scientific databases would also lead to an improved visibility of the published papers, being well known that the most used search engine for medical literature is NCBI-PubMed. In parallel, to improve the visibility and the

possible number of citations, we aim to increase the Journal's presence on Social Media Networks: both the scientific-focused ones (ResearchGate, Academia.edu or Altmetrics) and in the general-oriented ones like Facebook or Twitter. This approach will create a network of scientific-inclined users and would lead to a substantial increase in the reach of the Journal's articles, thus indirectly leading to improved visibility and possible number of citations for the work published in RJDNMD.

Last, but not least, to be able to implement the previously mentioned measures, there is a need to improve the Journal's workflow and integration with all the new web-based tools. For this purpose, the Editorial Team intends to migrate the actual Journal's website to a new and improved integrated publishing platform which allows a cloud-based Journal management, integrating all the necessary modules required for a complete, automated and traceable management: user registration with different roles and rights, web-based article submission with step-by-step checks required fields and error-checks, peer-review, article production and article publication.

Finally, we are all aware that a scientific Journal is not only a collection of published articles, but a veritable community which includes all its readers, authors and staff, ergo the existence of our Journal is dependent on your contribution. Please see this last paragraph as a call to partake in the development of the RJDNMD and be a full member of our Journal's community: read this Journal, feel free to apply to become a peer-reviewer (applications are always welcomed) and to submit your work to this Journal in one of the major topics published: original articles, reviews, case reports or letter to the editors.

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