Completing the first year of publication

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The International Journal of Clinical Neurosciences and Mental Health is now completing its first year of publication. This year brought interesting developments to this open access publishing initiative. We noted interest in the journal from an array of different fields associated with clinical neurosciences and mental health. Experts from different regions of the globe also associated themselves with journal by submitting or peer-reviewing manuscripts. And, therefore, with its extended reach journal constituted an important forum for knowledge transfer and debate in the areas of clinical neurosciences and mental health.

The first issue of the journal was initiated in January 2014, and in accordance with the publishing model defined for the International Journal of Clinical Neurosciences and Mental Health, this was a running issue; new articles were included as they became ready for publication. Besides this regular 2014 issue, the journal also featured a supplemental issue dedicated to neurosonology and cerebral hemodynamics. This supplemental issue contained the proceedings of the 18th Meeting of the European Society of Neurosonology and Cerebral Hemodynamics and 3rd Meeting of the Cerebral Autoregulation Network held at Oporto in May 2013. Experts who attended those meetings were invited to participate in this initiative and, actually, most of those were pleased to contribute to this supplemental issue, either as authors or referees. This commitment resulted in a timely update on neurosonology and cerebral hemodynamics that may prove very useful for clinical practice in these fields.

In its inaugural issue, the journal received submissions from the United States, Australia, Japan and various European countries. As would be expected from the home country of the journal editors, Portuguese authors contributed with numerous submissions.

The journal maintained a fairly high acceptance rate (74%) during this first year. Our online publishing model allows us to remove the space constrains associated with traditional paper-based medical journals. At the International Journal of Clinical Neurosciences and Mental Health we publish all articles considered scientifically sound and relevant after careful editorial assessment and external peer-review. Each article published in this opening issue was reviewed by at least 2 referees. We would like to thank the voluntary contributions of all experts who generously reviewed for the journal and, thus, contributed to enhance the overall quality of the publication.

For this second issue, as always, we encourage submissions of papers deemed fit for publication in the journal. All submissions will be assessed with the utmost regard and, according to our publishing model, all scientifically sound and relevant articles will be published. We look forward to receiving your manuscripts!