Editorial Note

We are making *European Urology* still more attractive for you to read and to publish your papers in!

As you will note in this first issue of the year 2000, the new millennium appears with 'colors'. Although colors do not change the quality of the papers, they certainly make for more attractive, eye-catching and easier reading. This is specially true for tables and graphic outlines and will rapidly increase in forthcoming issues.

'Rapid Communications' allow publication 3 to 4 months after acceptance of original papers considered to be of current interest, allowing to avail new and important information in a very rapid and timely manner. This will hopefully attract the authors to submit their most important works where rapid publication is considered of great importance.

The quality of our journal has increased very significantly, which should make it even more attractive to read and to consider submission of outstanding works for publication. Indeed, the Impact Factor, as reported in the Journal Citation Report, has increased by more than 30% for 1998, reaching 1.3 and thus becoming the *highest*-ranking non-American Journal in our field.

All these changes and improvements give you more reasons to read and publish your best papers in *European Urology*.

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