Respiration in 2012

Dear Reader

After many changes at *Respiration* during the last two years, i.e. monthly issues, several new board members at the reviewer and associate editor levels, and *Respiration* becoming the official journal of the Swiss Respiratory Society (SRS), we are looking forward to a period of consolidation of what we have achieved. This means no major changes are to be expected in 2012.

It gives me of course pleasure once again to mention that our new impact factor of 2.543 (up from 1.935) has already been noted and should lead to an increase in the number and quality of submissions. The prediction is that we should exceed 600 submissions in 2012, with an acceptance rate of unsolicited papers of around 20%. The volume of printed pages will remain unchanged at 1,056 pages for the year.

The popular Thematic Review Series will see two contributions, each one containing six articles running over an entire volume: the first one, entitled 'Pleural Diseases in the Molecular Era – Time for More Answers' and edited by Marios Froudarakis, and the second one, entitled 'Small Airways in Asthma and COPD' and edited by Omar Usmani. Both series are very topical and promise to provide cutting edge knowledge.

Respiration and the EABIP (European Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology)

The second congress of the European Congress of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (ECBIP) will take place in Cesme-Izmir, and at the annual general

meeting of EABIP in September the 2015 congress was awarded to the team of Antony Rosell from Barcelona, Spain. I would like to use this space to announce that official candidatures for the 2017 congress will be presented, and the congress will be awarded to the best candidate in 2013.

Respiration and the WABIP (World Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology)

A mutual agreement has been reached with the board of the WABIP that both associations will support each other and that *Respiration* is recognized as an official journal of the WABIP.

Respiration and the SRS

Our first year of cooperation has been a very successful one. The society has its abstracts of the yearly meeting published in *Respiration* and has its independent section for society news. The journal obviously expects an increase in top-quality papers originating from Switzerland. Over and above that, we have earmarked some of the top lectures presented at the last SRS meeting in Interlaken to be published as invited reviews in 2012.

The sustained upward trend of the journal is very rewarding for our editorial board as well as the *Respiration* crew at Karger who continue to provide excellent support.

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