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It’s been a while... where did we left off?

EJCRIM has seen a huge increase in submission in the last few years. We reckoned that the increase happened because of our PubMed Central inclusion in late 2018, but 2020 is seeing another big surge in submissions. Does COVID-19 have a role in the surge?

We went from publishing an article every other day to publishing every day and twice a day sometimes.

Issues went from being composed by 9-12 articles to up to 25.

2020 data is a projection based on actual data as at 31/06/2020
Publication data and performance

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2019 rejection rate: 53%

Average time to first decision: 9 days

Average time to publication: 47 days

We perform copyediting and wait for approval from the author.
The role of EJCRIM against COVID-19

**Fast track, speed maximized**
- **1 day** to publication
- **PMC indexing ASAP**

**Publication fee waiver for all COVID-19 articles until 01/06/20**

From **March 2020**:
- **73 submissions**
- **58 articles accepted**

**A kind of record!**
- It brought more than **120 citations**
A new landscape

We are experiencing a much more diverse origin of our articles from the past.

We are now receiving many articles from the USA and from the Middle East.

2020 data as at 30/06/2020
A new landscape

Accepted articles in 2020: the European split vs the rest of the world

- **Europe, 65%**
  - **UK; 11%**
  - **Belgium; 5%**
  - **France; 8%**
  - **Germany; 2%**
  - **Spanish; 7%**
  - **Slovenia; 2%**
  - **Serbia; 1%**
  - **Portugal; 31%**
  - **Italy; 15%**
  - **Switzerland; 2%**
  - **Sweden; 1%**

- **North America, 13%**
- **South and Central America, 5%**
- **Asia, 6%**
- **Oceania, 1 manuscript**
- **Africa, 2%**
- **Middle East, 8%**

2020 data as at 30/06/2020

172 acceptances
We need to deal with the submission increment. How?

The Journal is now receiving about **13-15 articles** each week.

Section Editors are getting increasing responsibility on the peer review process.

More **editorial help** should be considered...

The Editorial Board should be widened, both in number and in specialty. **Want to join in?**
What we did in 2019-2020

- Broadened our Social Media community.
- Published the Abstract Book of ECIM 2019
- Started the EJCRIM against COVID-19 series
- Continued the Hospital Grand Rounds series
- Slightly increased the publication fee (230 euro)
- Created a Media Kit to attract sponsors for our initiatives (institutions, not only industry)

...and we just upgraded peer review platform and the technical side of the website once again so that we can take advantage of new features: such as themed collections
EJCRIM started off as the “Voice of the young internist” and a not-for-profit initiative. It gave the chance to young doctors and medical students to start publishing.

But what now?

Our scope is now broader – no longer limited to educational purposes. Case collections are increasing the scientific value of the journal (approx 600 citations). EJCRIM has the potential to become an asset for EFIM.
Let’s write a new future for the Journal

Expand the journal with new initiatives that promote the Journal while involving sponsors.

A few examples:

• Hospital Grand Rounds, with new hospitals
• Themed Collections: RARE DISEASES?
• Themed call for papers
• Educational video pills
• Webinars
• A collaboration with FDMIE
• Educational programmes: CMEs, quizzes, etc...
In the jungle of scientific publishing some journals are predatorily asking for more than 3k euros [...] Luckily not all journals, including the less known, are behaving like this, e.g. EJCRIM clearly indicates its publishing fee of 230 euros [...]
Get in touch with us if you wish to collaborate and/or share ideas!

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