

The Romanian Journal of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care – now on PubMed Central

Three years after the message to the readers announcing the first journal's issue entirely in English [1], the Editors are pleased to announce that the *Romanian Journal of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care* (Rom J Anaesth Intensive Care) has been accepted to be indexed on PubMed Central (PMC).

This represents a very important step in achieving a better international visibility and increasing the number of high quality original submissions to our journal.

The journal has a long history: it has been published since 1994 and an issue has never been missed. The main goal of the journal was to stimulate and promote scientific research by publishing research papers accompanied by editorials written by experts in the field. Over time, the number of original papers published in Romanian with abstracts in both Romanian and English gradually increased. This was facilitated by the accreditation of PhD theses and the publication requirements imposed for academic promotion.

However, in the past years, the academic requirements for promotion and tenure changed and now it is standard practice that academic work must be published in peer-reviewed journals. In Romania, only manuscripts in journals indexed in major databases –

Medline/PubMed, Thomson Reuters – are currently considered by the universities and the Ministry of Education in their evaluation for promotion. Therefore, the number of original submissions decreased in our journal and we were obliged to change the journal's editorial policy by improving the peer-review process, imposing the requirement of the authorship and conflicts of interest statement and developing ICMJE-based guidelines for manuscript preparation. To create a home page (www.jurnalul-anestezie.ro) freely accessible online for articles published in English became mandatory.

The peer-review process implies specialists of high expertise in various fields. Therefore, editing the manuscripts in English became mandatory for the journal. We encouraged the Romanian authors to submit manuscripts written in English, and tried to attract a broader base of submissions of high quality from abroad.

In 2014, the journal was produced only in the English language and a native English speaker editor was invited to assist non-native English speaking authors.

The acceptance of the *Romanian Journal of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care* to be indexed in PMC by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) represents an exceptional achievement, and it was possible by the contribution of many people.

First, it was the unrestricted financial support offered to the journal by the leaders of the Romanian Society of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, and the dedication and extraordinary work of the Editorial Office team, which contributed greatly to this achievement.

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Decisive also was the assistance of the two Editorial Boards, made up of, among others, some of the most prominent anaesthesiologists in Europe and elsewhere. They served not only as reviewers, but also submitted original articles and excellent editorials.

A special tribute to Professor Sorin J Brull, from the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, the former section editor at the *Anesthesia & Analgesia* journal. He offered a valuable contribution to our journal through his expertise, dedication and unconditional support, and guided us during the entire process to join the family of indexed journals at the NLM.

Now, the future of the *Romanian Journal of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care* looks brighter. However, while admitting that a major step for obtaining an increased audience was made, we know that the Editorial Board which will replace us has a big respon-

sibility for attracting and selecting good manuscripts and must work hard to keep the journal moving ahead.

Conflict of interest

Nothing to declare

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