

EDITORIAL

Next Steps

Dear readers,

As is tradition by now, we would like to update you on recent developments at *Transplant International* at the beginning of a new volume/year.

- The impact factor has remained relatively stable at 2.921 despite an increase in the number of published items counted towards the impact factor – known to have a transient negative impact.
- With 800 manuscripts being submitted in 2012, the acceptance rate for original articles after rigorous peer-review stands at about 20%.
- Download data give reason for optimism concerning future development. In 2012, articles published in *Transplant International* were downloaded more than 150 000 times, which is another 30% increase over the previous year.
- We will introduce online publication of accepted articles in an unedited version, further speeding up publication times.
- From now on, all content older than 12 months will be available online for free. This is a major step in further promoting access to *Transplant International*.
- A new App for iPad readers will be launched in 2013 allowing full text access.
- We are looking forward to another focus issue in 2013 which will be dedicated to ‘Induction Therapy in Organ

Transplantation’, and will be edited by Stuart Knechtle and Daniel Brennan.

- We would like to sincerely thank outgoing Associate Editor Leo Bühler for his commitment and hard work over the past years. Leo was one of the longest-serving Associate Editors – he has been with the journal since its 2005 relaunch – often shouldering extraordinary workloads. We are happy to keep him in the team as a member of the Editorial Board. His place as Associate Editor will be taken by Thomas Fehr, who we welcome cordially.

Finally, we want to thank everyone who has contributed to the ongoing success of *Transplant International*: all authors, readers, reviewers and associate editors. Your combined efforts allow *Transplant International* to be counted among the high-quality scientific journals in the field of transplantation. In order to maintain and – as we hope – improve upon this success, we, as always, ask for your continuing support: by reading, citing and submitting to *Transplant International*.

If you have comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at transpl-int@meduniwien.ac.at. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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