

Editorial

Editorial Report 2006

The activity of Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Italica has continued to increase over the last year. Many Authors, from all over the world, have submitted papers for publication, including Brazil, France, Germany, Greece, Iran, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, UK. This interest, which allows the journal to become a cultural crossroad sharing both clinical and research experience, is documented by more than 30,000 visitors a month to our website www.actaitalica.it who have downloaded over 12 Million Megabites. During 2006, 52 papers were published, and 26 rejected. Mean wait for reviewers is still quite long, approximately 4 months, as well as mean wait for publication, approximately 8 months, despite bi-monthly issues. At present, 35 papers are ready for publication.

This increasing interest means an even greater effort needs to be made in order to meet the expectations of our authors.

Editorial Update

As our readers will have noticed, the editorial presentation of the Journal has been completely renewed: it is A4 size, tables and figures are more legible. The cover has a completely new look.

The Journal will soon be available on-line. Our website has been restyled, and there is a new section *Early view*, where papers ready for publication will be found "ahead of print". Thus authors will not be penalized by a long

wait for publication of an article in the journal and new ideas, techniques, reports will be available and publicized in real time.

Since February 2007, *Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Italica* has been accredited to directly access to PMC (Pub Med Central). This allows the publisher to link to Pub Med, in real time, all those papers published both in the *Early view* site and in the printed issues. In this way, when seeking an article or a topic in Pub Med, direct access and downloading will be available, both to the abstract and the complete paper, free from Pub Med.

Moreover, from this year, the journal *Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Italica* will be dedicated to the English edition (still maintaining a Summary in Italian), publishing clinical and research papers, and the Italian edition – *Argomenti di Acta Otorhinolaryngologica Italica* – will publish original articles in Italian, the Italian practice guidelines approved by the Italian ENT Society, as well as papers, news items and announcements of specific interest to Italian ENT specialists and Society members.

All these changes and new approaches would not have been possible without the dedication of all those who day by day work towards publication of the journal. I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Publisher Pacini Editore, particularly Dr Stefano Fabbri, who is responsible for publication and international relationships; the Editorial Co-ordinator Dr Maria Gabriella Rugiu and the Editorial Assistant Mrs Marian Shields.

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