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EDITORIAL

2013: Busy year for Journal of Optometry

2013: Un año muy ocupado para Journal of Optometry

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The year we have just passed through has been a challenging one around the World in many aspects of our lives, and it has not been otherwise for Journal of Optometry, having been one of the busiest years so far in the short life of J Optom.

In July we received the decision that the National Library of Medicine (NLM) of the United States will be indexing all the contents of J Optom by the end of the year, including all the material published from 2008 onwards. This is excellent news for the authors of the articles, letters, reviews and case reports published in the journal, as these documents will now be readily accessible for free through the most frequently searched database (www.pubmed.com).

In addition to that event, we had already noticed a substantial increase in the rate of new submissions through the journal's online submission and review system, forecasting a record in the number of submissions that was steadily increasing since 2010. By the end of October 2013, a milestone of 100 manuscripts being submitted had been achieved and the year ended well over this mark. This means that today Journal of Optometry receives twice the number of manuscripts submitted in the period 2008–2010, and 4–5 times the number of documents we are able to publish. This is also good news for the Journal and the optometric community, meaning that the only optometric journal

where no charges are applied to authors or readers is gaining increased relevance worldwide. The trade-off is an expected increase in the already high number of rejections from 50% to approximately 80% during the next few years. The number of downloads from the journal's web page has also increased significantly in 2013, from 2500 to over 5000 per month! These are also general trends in the other optometric journals that are being followed by a larger and wider audience.

The current issue is an example of the variety of topics covered by Journal of Optometry including some of the most relevant current research topics such as Myopia Research, Vision and Learning Difficulties, Diagnostic Drugs Use in Optometry, Ocular Effects of Systemic Disease, Binocular Vision and Medically Necessary Contact Lenses.

At the Editorial Office we will continue to work hard in 2014 to warrant fast peer-review process and timely publication of the meritorious research work we are receiving. This will require the continuing tireless support of our reviewers whom I want to thank because along with our international Editorial Board, they warrant the quality of the manuscripts, allowing J Optom to establish as an international reference point in optometry and vision-related research field. A happy and productive New Year 2014 to everyone!!

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