

Dear Readers,

Reports of Practical Oncology and Radiotherapy has made a significant step towards international recognition. We have finalised negotiations with Elsevier, a world-renowned publisher of medical journals and books.

From issue 2/2008 Reports will be published under Elsevier. Soon all editorial processes including article submission, reviews and decisions will be made available on-line using the Elsevier website. Throughout the intermediate period until the end of 2008, communications with authors and reviewers will still be available using current modalities: letters, emails, etc. From 2009 on, all activities will be performed exclusively online.

In 2009 Reports will become primarily an electronic journal, which means that articles will be published on-line as soon as final acceptance is reached. The paper copies will be printed and distributed after the date on which the current issue is completed. The

publishing dates thus will be 28/29 February, 30 April, 30 June, 31 August, 31 October and 31 December. We intend to distribute paper copies as long as such expectation is demonstrated by the readers. Although everything in the scientific world is turning to electronic means, still many scientists and clinicians like to use journals in the printed form. Therefore we will do our best to provide the printed version in a transparent, well organised and elegant form.

The list of scientific societies that have decided to support the journal has grown. In February 2008 the Spanish Society of Radiation Oncology decided on its affiliation and nominated officers to participate in journal activities. Ferran Guedea from the Catalan Institute of Oncology in Barcelona will be a co-editor while Jesus Romero (Madrid), Laura Cerezo (Madrid), Miguel Macia (Barcelona), Jorge Contreras (Malaga) and Antoni Castel Millán (Barcelona) will join the Editorial Board.



From left to right: Julian Malicki, Wojciech Golusiński, Tatiana Hadjieva, Jiří Petera, Hotimir Lešničar, Ferran Guedea

Just recently, I received a letter from Italy, stating that the Board of the Italian Society for Radiation Oncology had decided to be affiliated with the journal too. Professor Paolo Muto from Naples will represent the Italian Society as co-editor while Barbara Jereczek-Fossa (Milano), Marco Krengli (Novara), Vincenzo Ravo (Naples), Cinza Aristei (Perugia), Stefano Pergolizzi (Taormina) and Alessandro Gava (Treviso) will join the Editorial Board. All these changes will be introduced consecutively and will appear in the following issues.

The Hungarian Society of Radiation Oncology nominated Csaba Polgar from the Institute of

Oncology in Budapest as the co-editor in place of Dr József Erfán, whose term has ended and whom I want to thank for his contribution throughout the last years. I would also like to highlight the years-long excellent contribution of Olga Ésik, who was one of the establishers and promoters of the international presence of the Reports and recently has decided to step down from the Editorial Board.

Our annual Editors' Meeting in May in Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic) was fruitful with important decisions, which I am pleased to present to you above. We believe that the initiated actions will meet readers' expectations.

Julian Malicki
Editor-in-Chief