

Editorial 2016

This has been another lively year for MSJ with an ever-increasing flow of stimulating papers. We held firm on our Impact factor of 4.8 at a time when many other neurology journals saw a reduction. We welcomed Professor Jeroen Geurts as the new Deputy Editor bringing more basic neuroscience expertise to our editorial team. He will also handle a proportion of the large number of papers coming to us from Europe. We have been delighted with the success of MSJ-ETC which has now accepted in excess of the requisite 20 papers to allow submission to PubMed.

This editorial board meeting was held during one of the most successful and exciting ECTRIMS for a very long time (see summary of highlights in this issue), in the delightful surroundings of downtown Barcelona, known as the Eixample. As ever it was a lively and interactive affair and was followed by a very enjoyable reception to celebrate the 20th anniversary of MSJ and the 50th anniversary of SAGE.

MSJ continues to develop; clinical commentaries are now a regular feature and our controversies series always attracts great interest. One of the most popular issues in 2015 was the special themed issue on co-morbidities, expertly edited by Ruth Ann Marie. With over 9,000 full text downloads to date, this has been a great success and will encourage us to consider at least one specialist issue each year.

Our engagement with the MS community continues to increase through our relationships with the TRIMS (ECTRIMS, ACTRIMS, PACTRIMS and LACTRIMS), MS International Federation, The Charcot Foundation and most recently Rehabilitation in MS (RIMS). We are also seeing increasing individual engagement through MSJ e-alerts, which have risen from last year by over 50% to 5,814. Amazingly we have had over 160,000 visits to the MSJ website through the year from 187 different countries.

As ever we want to thank all the members of the editorial board and the editorial team who make such a great effort to make sure that MSJ is topical, accessible and well presented. We would also like to thank our reviewers - all 390 of you, who do such a wonderful job providing helpful, constructive reviews despite so many other calls on your time.

2016 promises to be another very exciting year in the world of MS and we will do our very best to provide the coverage it deserves. We would like to wish all our readers a healthy, successful and safe year ahead.

Alan Thompson (Editor-in-Chief)

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Jeroen Geurts (Deputy Editor; Europe)