EDITORIAL

Change is the Constant for the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

This month’s issue of the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery marks a change from the past. After consultation with the publisher and members of the editorial board, the format has been redesigned to make it more appealing, more informative and easier to navigate. Cover, contents, headlines have a new look that make the Journal more accessible.

The Journal includes a new page format that will make it more readable, with cover and front pages presenting the main contents of each issue with an eye toward delivering immediate information. Inside the issue, increased use of white space, colour shading to set off abstracts, tables and figures will more easily focus the attention of the reader on the critical aspects of the studies. These stylistic changes have evolved from careful consideration and formulation to the Publisher by the Editors.

A Shift of Editorial Policy

Changes, however, need also to be substantial. The Editors were mindful of the Journal’s original purpose and obligation - the publication of scientific manuscripts.

The EJVES faces a wonderful situation with an increasing number of manuscript submissions each year. This reflects that both European and non-European International authors are contributing with some of their best work. Though submissions have increased, the restricted page limit results in an increasing percentage of rejected manuscripts.

The Editors and the Editorial Board are committed to publish the most important research and clinical studies available in vascular diseases. In this regard, the EJVES rejects less rigorous, frequently anecdotal reports that rarely lead to a “paradigm change” in scientific insight or in patient care saving space and resources for rapid-pace publication of clinical or research studies.

Furthermore, scientific transparency is becoming a major issue for all medical journals. Consequently, the source of funding, potential conflicts of interest, confirmation of institutional or ethical committee approval and the role of each of the authors in the study, formerly only in the submission letter, are now required to be included in the printed version.

Invited Commentaries, already tested during the last few years, will be included more frequently to provide the reader with additional insight and controversy.

The Journal will also promote more reviews and a new educational series will add valuable information to the readers. Finally, the online version will continue to expand containing extensive tables and charts too large to be included in the print publication.

We are convinced that all these changes will enhance the impact and relevance of the European Journal of Vascular Endovascular Surgery.

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