Editorial Report

Report from the Editorial Offices

On behalf of all our staff and the publisher OUP, we would like to convey our best wishes for the New Year to our readers, editors and reviewers and want to thank them all for their continuing support of the journal. With this editorial, we also provide an update on last year’s achievements.

Number of submissions

As shown below, the number of original submissions to NDT continues to slowly increase, with a current average of 10–12 submissions per day.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total number of submissions</th>
<th>Original submissions</th>
<th>Revisions</th>
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<td>2168</td>
<td>959</td>
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<td>January – November 2011</td>
<td>3267</td>
<td>2343</td>
<td>924</td>
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Content Analysis

From August 2007 on, NDT has only accepted original articles, preliminary/short communications, invited translational nephrology papers, invited and non-invited editorial comments, editorial reviews, exceptional cases and letters to the editor related to previous NDT publications.

We now give an overview of the different manuscript types that have been published in NDT in 2010 and the first 11 months of 2011 and their respective percentages.

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Editorial Comment</th>
<th>Exceptional Case</th>
<th>Letter</th>
<th>Reply</th>
<th>Original Article</th>
<th>Preliminary Communication</th>
<th>Special Feature</th>
<th>Translational Nephrology</th>
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<td>1%</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
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<td>January – November 2011</td>
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In the upcoming issues, some of these manuscript types will be renamed and others will be added.

Geographic distribution of lead authors in NDT

We now illustrate the country of origin of the lead authors of publications in NDT in 2010 and the first 11 months of 2011. Although NDT still predominantly attracts submissions from European countries, it is noteworthy that approximately 20% originated from the USA and Japan in 2010 and the first 11 months of 2011. This overview also illustrates that a wide range of other regions are represented, reflecting the growing international recognition of the journal.

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Italy 5%
Japan 8%
The Netherlands 4%
Poland 1%
Spain 4%
Turkey 5%
United Kingdom 6%
United States 12%

Publication times

Manuscripts submitted to NDT are assigned to the handling theme editor within two days and we aim to provide the authors with a first decision on their manuscript within 6-8 weeks of submission. NDT is a fast journal that operates with an efficient editorial and production process. While many manuscripts achieve our target of 4 weeks (receipt by the publisher to online publication), the mean is somewhat higher at about 6 weeks due to author queries or delays in returning proofs. Papers published online are citable and included in Medline. The time to print publication varies due to the number of articles awaiting inclusion into an issue but the majority of papers are published within 19-22 weeks from acceptance date. We are working hard to speed up print publication, and now that fewer manuscripts are being accepted, we hope to achieve our target of 12 weeks by the middle of this year. High-priority manuscripts are fast-tracked.

Acceptance and rejection rates

We now compare the acceptance and rejection rates for submissions to NDT. In view of the high number of submissions, and on the previous recommendation of the editorial board, the rejection rates for virtually all non-invited papers have substantially increased.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Acceptance Rate</th>
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<td>2009</td>
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<td>32.8%</td>
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Immediate rejections by EIC Jan-Nov 2011: 12.8%

Online usage of the journal

Figure 1 illustrates the number of HTML and PDF electronic downloads of full articles from NDT, expressed as number per 3-month interval since 2006. This number steadily increased over the years and is further testimony of the growing interest in the journal.

Figure 2 shows the average number of full-text downloads per month for NDT. Usage continues to increase reaching a new high of 258,500 in 2010, an increase of ~2% from 2009. Downloads per month have increased from 221,000 in 2007 to 239,000 in 2008 and 253,000 in 2009. For the first 10 months of 2011, the average full-text downloads are 224,000.

Impact factor

The 2010 impact factor, published in June 2011, showed an increase to 3.564. Figure 3 shows the change in impact factor from 1997–2010. NDT is ranked 12th out of 69 journals in the Urology/Nephrology category.

Exciting new changes

In July 2011, the new editorial team took over. Some exciting new changes to the journal will be introduced throughout the
year. Not only a new cover and editorial board but also new manuscript types and a more colourful layout are some of the modifications that will hopefully be appreciated by our readers and which are meant to turn NDT into an even more successful journal.

**Acknowledgements**

We would like to acknowledge the support of our readers and authors and thank our subject editors, editorial board members and our publisher OUP for all their help and hard work. A special word of thanks goes to the council of the ERA-EDTA for their support and encouragement.

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