Back to the future: thank you for 2009

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When 2009 is approaching its end, it is time to look back and—which may be much more important—to look ahead.

Looking back, we have further consolidated the editorial structure with associate editors who take major responsibility for strategy and manuscript reviews. Since July 2009, the journal also has had two chief editors, René Verdonk, who is responsible for strategic planning, and Jon Karlsson, who is responsible for the day-by-day management and all manuscript work.

The number of manuscripts submitted to the journal has increased considerably this year. We received almost 700 manuscripts in 2009, compared with 540 manuscripts in 2008. This is a major increase, which of course puts a heavy work load on the editors, associate editors and reviewers. But it also means something. Having more researchers who submit their papers to the journal indicates increased interest in the journal and its scientific content. Now, why do we emphasise the increased number of manuscripts? It is, of course, to underline the work of you, the reviewers. You are the backbone of the journal; you are doing great work, and you are doing it over and over again. We would like to thank you all for all the good work you have done during this year and also in the past. We have also worked hard to find new reviewers and would like to thank you especially. In order to help you in your work, we will publish new guidelines to reviewers. Once more, thank you!

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Impact factor (IF) is the important measure of any journals ranking. The impact factor is published once a year and is based on the number of citations to papers published in the journal during the previous 2-year period. Our current impact factor is 1.696, and it has increased by 5% since the last rating. The journal is currently rated as number 22 of 69 journals in the field of Sports Science. A reasonable immediate goal is an impact factor of approximately 2.0 within the next year or two. This can be best accomplished if the journal receives and publishes the best possible papers. High quality papers will be read and cited by other researchers. This will boost the impact factor, which leads to even better manuscripts being submitted to the journal.

This year we published over 1,450 pages, compared with 1,160 pages last year. This is a major increase, and gives many scientists the opportunity to publish their work, and we get submissions from all over the world. An increased number of manuscripts is positive, of course. But there is another side of the coin. We receive a high number of good manuscripts, but also regrettably some that are less good. We would especially like to remind researchers who do not have English as their native tongue to submit manuscripts in correct English, i.e., your work should be read and corrected by a native English-speaking person, and this should be done before submission.

All manuscripts need a thorough review, and all manuscripts need to be revised, often more than once, sometimes even three or four times. To publish a good manuscript is the mutual responsibility of researchers, reviewers and editors. The better the original manuscript is, the greater the chance of getting the manuscript published, and it will also be published in time. And when manuscripts are published online, they can be officially cited in other publications.

Looking ahead, we especially look forward to the ESSKA meeting in Oslo, 9–12 June 2010, with a scientific programme of the highest quality with speakers from all over the world. The journal will together with the Arthroscopy journal host a journal reviewer course. Con-

cerning the journal, we will form a new Editorial Board. To be a member of the Editorial Board is a prestigious position, and future Associate Editors will be selected from the Editorial Board.

We look forward to working with you in 2010.

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