Editorial

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2011 has been a great year for clinical anatomy! The congress of the European Association for Clinical Anatomy, held jointly with the summer congress of the British Association of Clinical Anatomists in Padova (Italy), has been a high level scientific meeting, brilliant and serious as the Four Seasons of Antonio Vivaldi.

The editorial activity of Surgical and Radiologic Anatomy continued to develop, and the ten issues per year are now insufficient for accepting more and more manuscripts for publication. V. Baca (Prague, Czech Republic) and G. Feigl (Graz, Austria) joined our team as Associate Editors. Thanks to the 25 editors and to the 632 reviewers who completed their decision (out of 1,153 requested), we tried to assume this hard work. Moreover, C. Stecco (Padova, Italy) managed as guest editor the special issue devoted to “Fasciae”, and we could achieve a large overview about different aspects of this quite often forgotten part of anatomy. The special issue in 2012 will concern “The anatomy and its representation”, and will be directed by B. Grignon (Nancy, France).

Special attention should be paid to “anatomical variations.” More than 120 manuscripts were submitted in 2011 in this section, nearly a quarter of the total submissions. This represents a continuation of the steady increase of 10% per year. We would like to sincerely thank Bernhard Moriggl (Innsbruck, Austria), who supported this section for almost 10 years, for the tremendous work that this represented. This section reflects perfectly the need of a large culture in anatomy, the ability to explain clinical cases in unusual anatomical conditions, and the importance of an easy and fast access to these data.

Two others points are rather optimistic: the number of countries of origin increased to 46, and the rate of young anatomists and clinicians involved into the research in the field of clinical anatomy was greater too.

All these elements lead to wish all of you a very nice new year 2012!

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