Letter from the Editors

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You will be pleased to know that the journal had a particularly successful year. In 2015, we have received close to 300 new manuscript submissions. This is more than a 60 % increase from 2010. Of these submissions, 64.7 % were rejected, either by members of the Editorial Advisory Board (pre-screening) or by reviewers. Thus, our acceptance rate is currently at 35.3 %, which is in line with most other journals in our field.

We also published all six issues of Volume 18 (2015) on time, a total of 834 pages making up 77 articles. This is an increase from Volume 17 (2014), which had only 602 pages making up 72 articles.

Our journal continues to grow and as a result we have a significant back log of manuscript already available on line

waiting to go to print. In order to resolve this issue as quickly as possible, Springer Verlag has agreed to have two double issues early in 2016.

Again, this would not be possible without the hard work of our Section Editors, the Editorial Advisory Board, and the many reviewers who volunteered their valuable time to make sure that we maintain a high quality of manuscripts accepted for publication. A special thank you also goes to Ms. Annalyn P. Marabillo and Ms. Sandra Lesny from Springer Verlag, our publisher, as well as Ms. Janice Rogers, our local Editorial Assistant.

Best wishes for a productive and healthy 2016.

Your Editors-in-Chief,

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