EJHE has an official impact factor of 1.337

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It took a long time, but now it is official: The Journal Impact Factor according to the Social Sciences Citation Index of the EJHE in 2009 is 1.34. This is a big success, which will increase the reputation of the journal. However, it is also a challenge for the editors to make sure that the quality of the journal and its impact will increase over the next years. With an impact factor of 1.34, the EJHE is number 56 of 243 listed economic journals. However, other health economic journals have a higher index value: Pharmacoeconomics 2.61, Health Economics 2.01 and the Journal of Health Economics 1.89. Therefore, there is still prospect for an even higher impact.

The number of submissions has increased over the past years and has already increased in the current year. In 2010, we have raised the number of pages and issues from four to six per year. To decrease the average time for the review, we have introduced a two-step review process last year. First two of the editorial board members screen the paper for its overall scientific value. If a paper has only

a small or no chance to be accepted, it will be rejected right away. The other papers enter the second step and are sent to at least two referees. In 2009, the journal had about 180 submissions. Of those, 35 papers were accepted for publication. In the 2009 edition of the journal, we have published about 60 papers. More than 200 scientists helped to maintain the quality of our journal by carefully reviewing the submissions. The journal is meanwhile also a good option for publishing the results from health economic conferences in Supplements, which are assembled by guest editors.

We would like to thank all readers, authors, reviewers, the other editorial board members and our publisher Springer for making the EJHE to one of the leading journal in its field. We do hope that we can count on your support in the future.

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