Another Successful Year

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Another successful year has just passed. This was also the completion of my second year as Editor-in-Chief of *Obesity Surgery* and I am happy to report that we had another good year. The journal has a new look and a revamped editorial board. This past year, we again reviewed over 500 manuscripts, submitted from 49 countries, and accepted just less than half of them. The quality of the submissions has given us the luxury to only accept the highest quality submissions. Thanks to our excellent editorial board and reviewers, we are completing the review process, on average, in less than 42 days, an all-time low for *Obesity Surgery*. Our impact factor remains strong at 3.102 which ranks *Obesity Surgery* 23rd out of 198 surgical journals. Finally, total circulation has increased to over 10,000 subscriptions.

So – Why am I not completely satisfied? Those who know me best would know that I am extremely driven to succeed and want us to reach even higher levels with our beloved journal. With that in mind, I thought this would be a good opportunity to inform the readership about the proposed improvements we have in store for the journal in 2014.

1. Continued Medical Education. Coming very soon, *Obesity Surgery* will offer its readers an opportunity to earn CME credits. One article will be chosen each month. By reading the article and answering a few questions, the reader can apply for CME credit. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of offering CME for manuscript

reviewers. I can't think of a better way to reward reviewers for helping us with submitted manuscripts.

2. Solicited Review Articles. We will increase our efforts to determine important topics and find the best experts to write valuable educational review articles on those topics. This will serve the dual purpose of providing a strong educational foundation for our readers and also improve our impact factor.
3. Metabolic News. We will publish important news items coming out of IFSO leadership. This will enable the journal to report IFSO newsworthy information to the IFSO membership and also keep the membership informed about important breakthroughs.
4. Video Submissions. For the past year, *Obesity Surgery* has had the capacity to accept video submissions for the electronic publication. However, none have been submitted to date. We will make a greater effort to encourage video authors to submit interesting videos along with a one-page description. This will allow us to establish a great video library.

These are just a few of the ideas that have been discussed by the editorial board to make *Obesity Surgery* more valuable to you, our readership. We will continue to strive to improve our impact factor and circulation, and we'd also be grateful to receive suggestions from you. Together, we can navigate our beloved journal through another great year.

My Family and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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