Editorial

The *Cardiovascular Engineering and Technology* (CVET) journal was launched by the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) in 2010 to serve the cardiovascular engineering community (i.e. academia, industry, and clinicians). Today our journal is shifting from the position of being a new publication to an established journal with a solid reputation. With its high scientific and editorial standards and its primary objective to be the “one stop” journal for cardiovascular engineering, technology, and translational research dissemination, the journal has justly earned its inclusion in PubMed Central.

This year we are delighted to announce that CVET has also been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuter’s citation indexing services. Beginning with V.4 (1) 2014, our journal will be indexed and abstracted in the Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as SciSearch) and in the Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition. CVET will receive an Impact Factor in 2017.

The entire list of where CVET is now abstracted and indexed is as follows: Science Citation Index Expanded (SciSearch), Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition, PubMed/Medline, SCOPUS, EMBASE, Google Scholar, Academic OneFile, EI-Compendex, Health Reference Center Academic, OCLC, SCImago, and Summon by ProQuest.

As illustrated above, CVET publishes ~100 pages (i.e. about 10–12 articles) per issue. Additionally, currently the average number of days between the date a manuscript is received and the first reviewer is invited is 8.8 days, and the average number of days between

the date the manuscript is received and the first decision made is 33 days. The quality of papers published in CVET is demonstrated by the acceptance rate, which has been decreasing and is now at 40%, as illustrated in the graph below.

The three most downloaded papers between 2010 and 2016 are: (1) *A Technical Review of Minimally Invasive Mitral Valve Replacements* (2015) by G.L. Preston-Maher et al.; (2) *Computer-Aided Patient-Specific Coronary Artery Graft Design Improvements Using CFD Coupled Shape Optimizer* (2011) by Onur Dur et al.; and (3) *A Review on Computational Fluid Dynamics Modelling in Human Thoracic Aorta* (2013) by A. D. Caballero et al.

We have two special issues coming out in 2017. One SI on *Vascular Access* with Drs. James E. Moore, Jr. from Imperial College London and Michael Walsh from University of Limerick as the guest editors; and the other on *Heart Valve Mechanobiology* with Drs. Craig Simmons from University of Toronto and Hanjoong Jo from Emory University as the guest editors.

As we head into 2017, the journal’s growing number of service listings, its favorable statistics and its impact factor will only serve to create even greater opportunity for the journal in attracting high quality manuscripts from around the globe. 30% of the Associate Editors of CVET and approximately 50% of the manuscripts accepted are from outside of the United States. It is safe to say, the future of CVET is bright!!

A special debt of gratitude is owed to our referees and members of the editorial board whose hard work maintains the scientific standards of the journal without which we could never reach this threshold. *With the continued support of the cardiovascular engineering and technology community, we hope to continue to deliver a wide spectrum of stimulating papers which will inspire our readers and contribute to the progress in: Biomedical Engineering Academia; the Medical Device, Diagnostic and Imaging Industries; and Clinical Cardiovascular Medicine and Surgery.*

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