

## Thank you for 2014

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Another year is nearing its end, and it has been another good one for the journal. We would like to start by thanking everyone who has been involved with us during 2014. Firstly, and importantly, we would like to thank our reviewers, whom we list below. We are aware that reviewing manuscripts is time-consuming as well as unpaid, and all too often the best reviewers are bombarded with requests, from several journals at the same time. We therefore try and spread the load amongst you, albeit with a mixed success. We realize that we rely heavily on some of you, and that you respond splendidly. We are grateful for this.

It proved extremely difficult to select the best reviewer, this year. We started with a long list and whittled it down until, in the end, we decided upon three people who have been outstanding, not just this year, but over a period of many years. They are Christoph Becher, MD, Emmanuel Thienpont, MD and Kristin Briem, PT. Thank you, for your outstanding work.

We are continuously seeking new reviewers, so as to reduce the work load, and spread it more evenly. Currently, we have more than 800 active names on our reviewer's list. We are continuously adding to the list, and we drop some people who do not respond.

We have worked hard during the year to shorten the processing time, viz. from submission to a decision. At the same time, our rejection rate has increased. Once more,

our thanks to all our reviewers, for your great efforts during this year. Your work is invaluable, and without you the journal would soon be out of business.

Our new website has been consolidated ([www.kssta.org](http://www.kssta.org)) and co-ordinated with ESSKA's website ([www.esska.org](http://www.esska.org)), and we now have more than 450 'friends' on our Facebook page. We continuously update information on the website and Facebook. For all this, thanks to Sebastian Kopf, our web-editor.

We were delighted to learn, last June, that KSSTA's Impact Factor for 2013 had climbed to 2.837. This places the journal in the top ten position, for both categories of Sports Medicine and Orthopaedics, and for the first time. For instance, in Orthopaedics, we climbed from 12th place to 9th. As we have said many times, there are always improvements to make, and we want to improve our Impact Factor even further in the future. We are happy with what we have achieved, but we cannot rest.

Where are we now, and what will the future bring? We published more than 3,000 pages this year (a record number), and the number of submissions rose to more than 1,300 (also a record number). Increased number of submissions is fine, but as we have mentioned earlier, it would be better to receive fewer but better papers. In fact, we are receiving more and more high-quality papers, which should lead to more readers and more citations and, at the end of the day, an improved Impact Factor.

We have made some changes to the Editorial Team, with three new Associate Editors, one starting July 2014 and the other two starting January 1, 2015. We would like to welcome Michael Hirschmann, MD, Ninni Sernert, PF and Peter Angele, MD to the Editorial Team. And, at the same time, we would like to thank Suzanne Werner, Johan Bellemans and Mats Brittberg for their excellent services over the last years.

We would also like to welcome a few new Editorial Board members. These persons have all done outstanding

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work as reviewers during recent years, and will no doubt in the future.

We would like to especially thank Karen Baxter, who runs the Editorial Office, the ESSKA Board and the ESSKA Office in Luxemburg for good collaboration during the year. Thanks to Zhanna Kovalchuk, who runs the ESSKA Office. As always, our friends at Springer, Gabriele Schröder and Christiane Hocke are doing outstanding

work and are always helpful. The journal is produced in India, also an outstanding editorial team. Our thanks to you all.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year in 2015. The journal will face new challenges, but we feel that the Editorial Team and the Editorial Office are strong, and ready to face all the challenges ahead. We will certainly try to do our best.

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