

A new phase of European Archives of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology and Head & Neck

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As you have already seen, the number of Editors of European Archives of ORLHN has increased to three. In addition to Professor Jochen A. Werner and myself, the number of Editors has been increased by Professor Olivier Sterkers and thereby broadened the fields of the Editors. The interest of Professor Werner and Professor Jan Olofsson has been mainly in Head & Neck and laryngology.

The interest of Professor Sterkers is mainly in otology.

By adding Professor Sterkers, we have also got an Editor from France and thereby representing the French Society in the board of Editors. Thus, we hope to have even more close contact with the French speaking part of Europe.

Professor Jochen A. Werner comes from Germany and thereby representing Mid-Europe. Professor Jan Olofsson comes from Scandinavia and representing the Northern part of Europe.

We are now very satisfied with a French representative on board and hoping for an increased interest from the French speaking communities, and also having an Editor with otology as the prime field of interest.

For quite a few years, two Editors have been enough dividing the editorial job equally between themselves.

Increasing interest for European Archives of ORLHN has been obvious and with a markedly increased number of submitted articles that has been three times higher than 10 years ago. Our aim is to keep a high international standard and be one of the leading *ORL-HNS* journals at least in Europe and also with an increasing interest further internationally.

As seen on the front page, the Confederation of European *ORL-HNS* has now also been formally affiliated with European Archives as well as *ORL-HNS* as both EUFOS and European Academy have been affiliated for quite a time.

By the closer affiliation between the Confederation and European Archives, most *ORL-HNS* societies in Europe are now affiliated with our journal making European Archives of ORLHN an even stronger “society journal” and hopefully with even closer affiliation with the different societies representing ORL-HN in Europe. By having a few pages in each journal issue, communication between the individual member and the different societies should be more intense to keep the readers abreast to what has been going on in Europe as well as with upcoming conferences and congresses.

As seen on the front page, UEMS-ORL is also closer affiliated with the journal, making us all more aware of what is going on in this important field of our specialties.

Looking at the impact factor, we are slowly increasing over the years; in 2011, it was 1,287 and the number of citations 3,005. It may be somewhat more difficult to improve the impact factor when dealing with a journal covering the whole field of national societies and subspecialties. The impact factor is definitely important for a journal, but so is also the number of citations.

We have to work harder to make the journal even better and more attractive. We are aiming for more review articles and we are reducing the number of case reports to a minimum.

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