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I am grateful for the many submissions and the fact that we were able to publish many excellent articles again this year. The biggest news this year for the Journal of Medical Ultrasonics would have to be the advent of Online First. Until last year, submitted articles were delivered to you only after they had been printed out in booklet form, but, like a handful of other journals, this year we began the practice of publishing articles online first as soon as they have undergone review. As a result, we are now able to publish research papers sooner.

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