

# Cardiology Journal: From Chopin’s Revolutionary Etude toward the Argentinean Tango

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The past 7 years were truly revolutionary for Cardiology Journal. In 2006, when we started working with the journal, *Folia Cardiologica* was a Polish language journal serving the Polish cardiology community for 12 years as a venue to present scientific and educational content. We were asked to transform *Folia Cardiologica* into an international English language journal, which will gain a recognition and reputation worldwide. This task took us 7 years and we are glad to report that this mission was accomplished.

In 2007, the title was changed to Cardiology Journal and at that point the journal started operating fully in English. The title was changed in order to be indexed in Medline (due to a conflict with a prior title) and became a more attractive and easily recognizable title. In the same year, we were successful in obtaining approval of the US National Library of Medicine to index our journal in Index Medicus as a unique cardiology journal in the region.

In 2008, Cardiology Journal appeared in Medline which made possible for all articles published for the last 5 years to be accessed in Medline free of charge. This immediately resulted in more papers being submitted to the journal, and a large number of them from abroad.

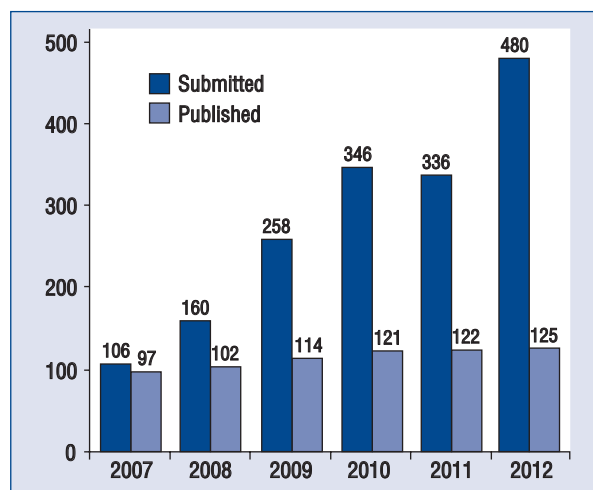
In 2009, Thomson Reuters accepted our application to start the process of being evaluated regarding citations and Impact Factor.

In 2010, Cardiology Journal was becoming more and more popular among authors (348 submissions), and among readers who started citing our papers.

In 2012, our first Impact Factor of 1.309 was obtained, which places our journal in a category of well-regarded journals in the field. Importantly, only

13% of these citations were self-citations which provided even further evidence for the high quality of papers published in Cardiology Journal.

Achieving such a good Impact Factor on our first evaluation translated into increasing popularity of the journal among authors. In 2012, there were 480 submissions, a steady increase in comparison to prior years (Fig. 1). This increasing submission rate faces a steady number of published papers (about 120–125 per year) resulting in an increasing rejection rate (Fig. 2). There were 425 papers rejected in 2012 (88% of submitted papers). Such a high rejection rate contributes to increasing quality of submitted and accepted papers and gives good prospects for increasing citations. Figure 3 shows the current (as of December 31, 2012) status of ci-



**Figure 1.** Cardiology Journal articles submitted and published.

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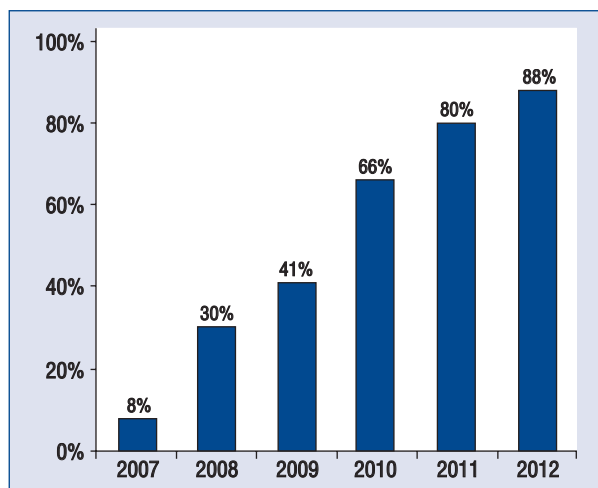


Figure 2. Cardiology Journal rejection rate.

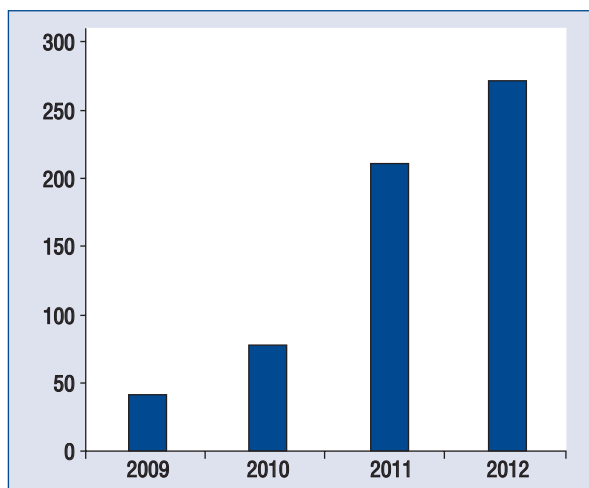


Figure 3. Estimated citations of papers from Cardiology Journal.

tations of Cardiology Journal. We are pleased that it is steadily increasing!

We consider these past 7 years revolutionary for the journal, but revolutions are not possible without their leaders and supporters. There are numerous people who throughout the years believed in the journal and who were very supportive and contributed to writing, reviewing, advising, and supporting Cardiology Journal in various phases of its development. Below is a not all-inclusive list of key people whom we would like to thank (in alphabetic order):

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Since the mission has been accomplished, it is time for the Journal to start a new chapter and become even more international! Let me therefore introduce Dr. Sergio Dubner from Buenos Aires, Argentina, as the new Editor-in-Chief of *Cardiology Journal* starting in 2013. Dr. Sergio Dubner is a very good friend and colleague who will be leading *Cardiology Journal* into the new era with even further involvement of internet-based tools. Dr. Dubner is a very-well recognized leader in the field of cardiac arrhythmias, but more importantly he is truly an excellent organizer. He is the past President of the International Society for Holter and Noninvasive Electrocardiology (ISHNE) and has served in leading roles in a number of South American Societies. For the last 10 years he has been serving as the Director of Internet Web-Based ISHNE Symposia reaching 20,000 cardiologists in over 40 countries with his internet-based educational programs ([www.ishne.org](http://www.ishne.org)). In the rhythm and spirit of the Argentinean tango his leadership will give new wind to *Cardiology Journal* for years to come.

It was a pleasure to work with all of you and to serve the cardiology community at large.

*Happy New Year!*