



Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery (Neurologia i Neurochirurgia Polska) — a publication of increasing national and international stature

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We are pleased to report to our Readers that the Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery (PJNNS, *Neurologia i Neurochirurgia Polska*) underwent further improvements in 2019.

The PJNNS Editorial Board meeting convened on June 1, 2019 during the VIth Educational & Scientific Conference of the Polish Neurological Society in Lodz, Poland. The editors of the PJNNS reported the current status of the Journal, and had the opportunity to discuss new features that the Journal intended to implement in 2020. The valuable input received from the PJNNS Editorial Board members has been fully applied. The editors plan to hold the next Editorial Board meeting during the XXIVth Annual Congress of the Polish Neurological Society, to be held in Lublin on September 23–26, 2020.

The most important change taking place this year relates to the PJNNS's peer-review system. The Journal is adopting the standard peer-review process currently employed by most medical and scientific journals, and our previous double-blinded peer-review process will be retired. Therefore, our reviewers will now be aware of the authorship of the papers they review; the names of the authors' institutions will also be provided to them. Our new peer-review process will undoubtedly accelerate the processing of manuscripts, as well as reduce the Journal's running costs.

The PJNNS has successfully implemented new features, including Invited Editorials and Invited Review Articles. In the final issue of 2019, the Journal published two Invited Editorials written by Drs. Ambrosius and Domitrz [1, 2] and an Invited Review Article provided by Dr. Meenakshisundaram and colleagues [3]. These popular features are continuing in 2020. We encourage our peer reviewers to contact us if they are interested in submitting an Invited Editorial based on

a manuscript they have reviewed. To facilitate this process, we have asked our publishing house, *Via Medica*, Poland, to incorporate this option into the peer-review form. We also encourage our readers to contact us if they would like to provide the Journal with a standard Review Article. It is important to discuss such proposed submissions with the Journal editors in order to avoid unnecessary administrative rejection due to similar submissions already under consideration.

In 2019, the Journal adopted a hybrid publication model. This type of publication model has recently gained widespread support from the research community. It allows authors to choose open access publication for their articles. The Journal editorial office has already received several requests to proceed with open access publication.

2019 was a record-breaking year for the PJNNS. Our editorial office received an unprecedented number of manuscripts for consideration for publication. This is a positive indication that the Journal is gaining ever-wider national and international recognition. It allows the editors to select only the best papers for publication. Our current acceptance rate is about 35%. This great success stems from the increase in the Journal's impact factor (IF), which is currently 1.006 [4]. Figure 1 demonstrates the upward trend of the IF since 2009.

The international status of the PJNNS is reflected by the citation records. Among the most cited manuscripts from 2018 were three articles written by authors from Australia, Italy, and Romania [5–7]. These papers contributed significantly to the 2019 IF growth. The Journal also has an increasing number of foreign reviewers, meaning that today almost all neurosurgical manuscripts are reviewed by at least one foreign reviewer. In 2020, we hope to further increase the percentage of international reviewers for the neurology papers as well.

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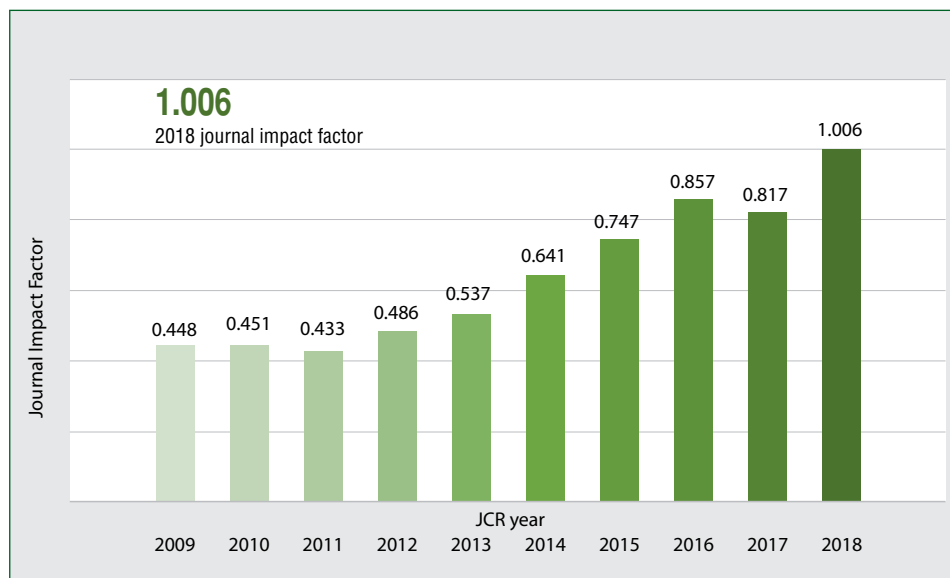


Figure 1. Illustration of growing Impact Factor of Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery (Neurologia i Neurochirurgia Polska) according to *Science Citation Index Expanded*. Adapted from: Journal Citation Reports © 2019 Clarivate Analytics

Over the past year, both editors-in-chief of the PJNNS have provided educational lectures for medical students, neurology residents and fellows, and young faculty members on topics related to the successful publication of research in medical journals. These talks, mainly in a question and answer format, were conducted in connection with other educational activities such as the Xth Congress of Polish Physicians from Abroad in Gdansk, Poland, in May 2019, the VIth Scientific Educational Conference of the Polish Neurological Society in Lodz, Poland, also in May 2019, and the 7th Movement Disorders, Epilepsy, Headache, and Inflammatory Disorders Mayo Clinic Neurology Faculty Teaching Course in Poznan, Poland, in September 2019. Lectures were also provided at the Medical University of Gdansk in May 2019 and at the Medical University of Karol Marcinkowski in Poznan, Poland in September 2019.

The editors hope that these educational activities will benefit Polish science in the long term, as well as popularising our Journal among the younger scientific audience.

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We are confident that the stature of the PJNNS will continue to grow and that you, our esteemed readers, will become

even more satisfied with our administrative processes and our growing national and international reputation.

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