

A positive 2011 balance for IEM

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Dear Readers,

We start the seventh year of IEM with a positive balance: submissions and downloads continue to increase and IF is over 2.

Usage of IEM articles increased tremendously over the last year. In the period January–August, the 2011 growth rate of full-text downloads reached 72%. The same can be observed for PubMed linkouts, the number of links from PubMed to SpringerLink full-texts, that increased by 74%.

In 2011, the new Cutting Edge has started with interesting articles and some new colleagues have entered the Editorial Board.

The success of our Journal has led to an exponential increase in the number of papers submitted (over 500 in 2011 when we publish only 110–120 articles per year). From mid 2010 to early 2011, the Editorial Board has continued to accept papers with previous criteria of good quality and medium/high priority which led to an excessive number of accepted paper and a backlog of about 150 papers at the moment.

Thus, as you can understand, we have to be stricter and to accept papers according to a number of criteria that include only in part the scientific merit of the single submission.

We are sorry not to consider for publication the work of so many valuable colleagues. Some of them are unfortunately the same scientists who have contributed, in the first years, to the success of IEM!

In particular, we have started to send back unsolicited Review articles and Case records.

We recommend to read carefully the new Instructions on journal's website (<http://www.springer.com/11739>) before submitting a paper.

In 2012, Luigi Pagliaro and Nicola Montano will start their work for a novel Case Record section to make it a dedicated tool for the formation of the Internist.

We hope you continue to enjoy and support our Journal and wish you a wonderful 2012.

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