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Editorial

Review of 2018



I write this editorial for the Journal on the anniversary of its launch as the Journal of Biomedical Engineering, in January, 1979, by founding editor W.J. (Jack) Perkins and the president of the Biological Engineering Society, H.A.F. Dudley, as the official journal of the Society and for the benefit of the wider biomedical engineering profession. In the four decades since, the reputation and reach of the Journal have grown, with me and the editorial team now processing around 700 submissions a year, on average, from authors based all over the world; of those accepted for publication, most originate from Europe and North America, followed by China, Australia and Japan. The rejection rate, currently 78%, reflects the high standards demanded of papers accepted for publication. In June, we learned that the Journal's Impact Factor had risen from 1.819 to 1.923 in 2018, placing it 44th of 78 titles in the 'Engineering, Biomedical' category. The five-year impact factor is 2.180.¹

I am pleased to report that this year's Jack Perkins Prize was awarded to Diego Gallo and Umberto Morbiducci of the Polito-BIOMed Laboratory, Politecnico di Torino, Turin, Italy, and their collaborators at institutions in Lausanne, Switzerland, and Stanford, CA, USA, for their contribution entitled:

"Cardiovascular morphometry with high-resolution 3D magnetic resonance: First application to left ventricle diastolic dysfunction," *Med. Eng. Phys.*, 47: 64-71

Several new appointments to the Editorial Board were made in 2018. Their names appear on the inside cover of this issue. I am delighted to announce that Mark Taylor of Flinders University (Adelaide, South Australia) has been appointed as Associate Editor for Orthopaedic/Musculoskeletal research. I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Editorial Board who have contributed to the work of the Journal throughout the year.

Last, but not least, I should like to extend my thanks to the many reviewers who undertook to review articles submitted for publication in *Medical Engineering & Physics* in 2018. Their names appear elsewhere in this issue.

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