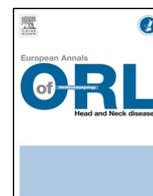




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Editorial

Focus on the Annals at the end of 2019



We undertook to make a regular review of the composition of the journal's various committees and councils according to their respective input. These adjustments have just been made, taking into account the number of articles published by each (PubMed data) and the work of reviewing involved, and to strike the necessary gender balance. Our sincere thanks go to our colleagues who agreed to take part, with the workload this implied.

As the journal is the official organ of the French and International French-Language ENT Societies, SFORL and SIFORL, the editorial board decided that articles appearing on the website of the *Annales Françaises d'Oto-rhino-laryngologie et de Pathologie Cévico-faciale* (AFORL) should henceforth be written in French, with homogeneous translation into English, ensured by high-quality translators well-versed in our specialty.

The quality of articles submitted to the journal is critical, especially as regards original articles. In the light of developments in medical writing and the scientific medical press [1], editors and reviewers are now required to pay attention not only to originality and writing quality, but also to statistical rigor and notably to changing attitudes regarding *P*-value significance thresholds [2,3]. Well-written reviews and literature analyses are also welcome. A huge number of case reports, on the other hand, are regularly submitted, and only the most exceptional of these can be considered. We strongly encourage authors wishing to submit a case report to use the Letter to the Editor rubric, with its compact format facilitating publication. This is a very interesting option for authors, as such Letters are in effect case reports, translated into English and thus indexed.

Finally, and most especially, we are glad to share with you some good news about our journal, which has a readership in strong progression, and an impact factor that has reached 1.38 this year [3]. This achievement is largely thanks to the excellent work of certain colleagues, to whom our warmest thanks.

But if the journal has now secured its place among those that "count" in our field, we also owe that to the unflinching support of our governing bodies, first among which is the French Society of ENT (SFORL), and especially its last two general secretaries, Frédéric Chabolle and Dominique Chevalier, then the Otorhinolaryngology College and finally the Otorhinolaryngology section of the National Universities Council (CNU) and its president, Elie Serrano, which

has recently provided us a precious support in deciding to include not only publication but also reviewing in the promotion criteria for university hospital candidates. Our very warmest thanks!

Your journal thus now has everything set up to ensure a bright future—on condition that all those concerned are strongly aware of the quality of the instrument it represents and the need to encourage its promotion.

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