

2012 Annual Report to the Membership of the RSNA

Radiology continues to be the most cited imaging journal in the world. This past year we have further enhanced the readership experience for those using mobile devices and we began to publish *Radiology Select*, a series of themed collections of important articles previously published in our journal. I would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Society, and particularly Dr. William Thorwarth, Liaison for Publications and Communications, for their support. I am also grateful to the publications staff at the RSNA for their continuing effort in improving the journal and in responding to the needs of our readers, authors, and reviewers. Key highlights of the past year are listed below.

- The journal impact factor for 2011 was 5.726. The five-year impact factor was 6.380
- For the first eight months of 2012, we received 1,807 manuscripts; this projects to an expected annual submission total of 2710.
- This year, as in the past, the majority (65%) of submissions to *Radiology* are from non-North American institutions. The most rapid growth in submissions this year has come from China and Korea. Of manuscripts accepted in 2012, 51% are from non- North American authors, while 49% are from North America.
- The overall acceptance rate for the first eight months of 2012 has been 16%. For major submitted manuscripts the acceptance rate is currently 11.9%.
- For the first eight months of 2012, the time to first editorial decision was 35 days. This is unchanged from 2011.
- The subspecialties with the highest number of submissions for 2012 year-to-date are neuroradiology, gastrointestinal imaging, and cardiac imaging.
- The mobile applications for *Radiology* have proven to be quite popular, with over 33,000 installations and more than 4300 average sessions per month in the past year..

We have embarked on a number of new initiatives this year:

- We introduced *Radiology Select*, a publication dedicated to presenting themed collections of important *Radiology* articles. In 2012, two issues of *Radiology Select* were published: Volume 1 on Pulmonary Nodules and Volume 2 on Stroke.
- In the coming year we will be introducing three initiatives that relate to processing of manuscripts by the *Radiology* Editorial Office: *fast track*, editorial pre-review, and the use of computer-based software for plagiarism detection.
- The *fast track* initiative will provide an opportunity for authors of manuscripts in highly competitive and rapidly developing areas to obtain rapid review and publication. Our goal for manuscripts selected for *fast track* processing will be two months from submission to online publication.
- Beginning in 2013, we will institute editorial pre-review with the expectation of winnowing out the least competitive manuscripts submitted prior to peer review. We hope that this effort will reduce the time from submission to editorial decision, and also serve to reduce the workload on our reviewer panels.
- In 2013 we will also begin screening submitted manuscripts using the iThenticate software. This software is currently used by over 4,000 journals and is helpful in identifying manuscripts submitted containing plagiarized or non-original text. We hope this effort will further ensure the high quality of articles published in our journal.

I look forward to another successful year for our journal, and welcome input from the membership on ways the journal can provide greater value to the members of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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