

2013 Annual Report to the RSNA Membership: *Radiology*

Journal Year 2013 began in January 1, 2013 and will end on December 31, 2013. This report is for the first eight months of 2013.

Radiology has maintained its position as the premier journal in the field of diagnostic medical imaging. The impact factor, number of citations, and number of submissions are up this year over those in 2012. The Editorial Office has refined its peer review processes to enable manuscripts to receive a decision faster than ever, and the Publications Department has continued to reduce the time to online publication. New volumes of *Radiology Select*, a publication we began in 2012, have been published and very well received. We continue our effort to enhance the discourse about radiologic science with audio and video podcasts, as well as journal features such as Controversies. More and more readers are encountering the journal on mobile devices.

In addition to our readers, the authors, editorial board, and reviewers of *Radiology* are the journal's sine qua non and the people to whom I extend my gratitude. I also thank the RSNA Board of Directors, especially Dr William Thorwarth, Liaison for Publications and Communications, for their support. I am also grateful to the publications staff in Boston and Oak Brook for their continuing efforts to improve the journal and respond to the needs of our readers, authors, and reviewers.

Key highlights of the 2013 year to date are:

- 1) *Radiology*'s impact factor rose to 6.339—the highest impact factor of all diagnostic radiology journals—from 5.726 in the previous year. The journal's citations increased from 43,818 in 2012 to 45,413.
- 2) The total number of submissions for the first eight months was 1,951, which if continued through the next four months will result in an increase in total submissions for 2013 (total for 2012 was 2,689).
- 3) As in 2012, 35% of submissions were received from North America, with 65% being international, for the first eight months of 2013.
- 4) The average time to first decision for the first eight months of 2013 was 31 days. Average time to first decision for prior years was: 36 days (2012), 37 days (2011), 35 days (2010), 32 days (2009), 33 days (2008), 37 days (2007), 34 days (2006), 34 Days (2005), 38 days (2004), 41 days (2003), 38 days (2002), 35 days (2001), 38 days (2000), 44 days (1999), 49 days (1998), and 54 days (1997).
- 5) Overall, for the first eight months of 2013, approximately 92% of all decisions were made within 49 days of manuscript receipt, up slightly from 2012 when approximately 90.6% of all decisions were made within 49 days of manuscript receipt (2011 – 87.1%, 2010 – 90.4%, 2009 - 91%, 2008 - 88%, and 2007 - 79%).

- 6) The average time from submission to online publication fell to 256 days from 278 days in 2012. In 2013 99.6% of original scientific manuscripts were published online ahead of print, some of these by as much as 6 weeks before print publication.
- 7) Our overall acceptance rate for the first eight months of 2013 was 13.5% (16% for 2012, 19% for 2011, 17% for 2010, 19.7% for 2009, 19.0% for 2008, and 20.2% for 2007).
- 8) The sections with the highest number of submissions for 2013 include, in decreasing order: Neuroradiology, Gastrointestinal Imaging, Musculoskeletal Imaging, Thoracic Imaging, Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Breast Imaging, Genitourinary Imaging, and Cardiac Imaging.
- 9) *Radiology Select*, introduced in 2012, has now published 4 volumes: Pulmonary Nodules, Stroke, Coronary Artery Disease, and Breast Cancer Screening. The latter was released just a month ago and already has 227 orders.
- 10) The journal peer review system incorporated a Fast Track option this year; for manuscripts approved for Fast Track, the mean time from submission to online publication was 71 days. Editorial pre-review, begun in 2013, has also helped reduce the time to decision.
- 11) In February 2013 *Radiology* began using iThenticate plagiarism detection software for all submitted manuscripts. Most of the word overlap occurs in the Methods section and from papers the authors have previously written. To date, 13 manuscripts have been returned to the authors before full peer review to allow proper attribution and rewriting.
- 12) The mobile versions of *Radiology* have more than 33,000 downloads to date.
- 13) The online version of *Radiology* has had 4.3 million HTML views and 2.0 million PDF downloads thus far in 2013.
- 14) *Radiology* podcasts have been downloaded 51,666 times in the first 9 months of 2013.