2013 Annual Report to the RSNA Membership: RadioGraphics

As Journal Year 2013 has not ended as of this writing (October), this report covers Journal Year 2012 and some information from 2013 to date.

RadioGraphics is now in its 33rd year of publication, focusing on educational materials that include self-assessment continuing medical education (SA-CME) and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) initiatives. Its continued leadership in producing high quality educational materials is a result of support for our mission from the RSNA Board of Directors, and the collective efforts of our dedicated authors, editorial board members, manuscript reviewers, annual meeting review panelists, and RSNA staff. Without all of these individuals, the Journal’s success would not be possible.

Key highlights of 2012 and 2013 to date:

1. In 2012, RadioGraphics received 347 manuscripts (2011, 312); 274 of these underwent peer review. Of the 274 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 79% were from North America and 21% were from international authors. The acceptance rate for 2012 was 46% (2011, 54%).
2. At RSNA 2012, RadioGraphics education exhibit reviewers used an all-electronic review system for all subspecialties for the first time. The system has been improved and will also be used at RSNA 2013.
4. The 2012 impact factor for RadioGraphics, released in 2013, is 2.791 (down slightly from 2.854 in 2011), which places RadioGraphics 32nd of 120 journals in the subject category “Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, and Medical Imaging.”
5. Over 84,000 category 1 CME credits were awarded to readers for RadioGraphics CME activities in 2012 (2011, 88,000). As of October 2013, the total number of CME credit hours attributed to RadioGraphics content is 63,838, an increase from 59,078 after the third quarter of 2012 and projecting to > 89,000 CME credit hours for 2013.
6. New editorial board members include Dr Sanjeev Bhalla (Resident and Fellow Education), Drs Clayton Trimmer and Jorge Lopera (Vascular and Interventional Radiology), and Drs Richard Brown and Murray Becker (Nuclear Medicine/Molecular Imaging). We are grateful to Drs Douglas Coldwell and Marie Lee, who retired from the editorial board this year, for their years of service to the Journal.
7. Drs Mindy Horrow and Sina Tavakoli—the 2013 Eyler and Olmsted Editorial Fellows, respectively—visited our office in Burlington, VT, this year.
8. RadioGraphics continues to support the International Society of Radiology’s GoRAD (Global Outreach Radiology) initiative by identifying a paper from each issue of the online journal for open access on the GoRAD site (http://www.isradiology.org/gorad).
9. RadioGraphics continues to involve RSNA corresponding (international) members: of the 420 reviewers at RSNA 2013, 31 are international. Of the 831 reviewers for submitted manuscripts, 49 are international.
10. *RadioGraphics* transitioned from RGXpress to ScholarOne as its manuscript submission and peer review system in 2013. In this system, reviewers and manuscripts are characterized by RadLex terms to achieve a better match between manuscript topic and reviewer. The Journal also incorporated iThenticate plagiarism detection software.

11. In 2013 we inaugurated a structured-review format, began to develop an online tutorial for reviewers, began to offer AMA PRA Category I credit for reviewing, and issued Editor’s Recognition Awards to reviewers.

12. In 2013, RSNA acquired a new Learning Managing System that allows readers to take tests for CME credit on their mobile devices. With that innovation, *RadioGraphics* CME articles are now available for mobile devices.

13. *RadioGraphics* began publishing papers from the archives of the American Institute of Radiologic Pathology in 2012 and developed an online section dedicated to resident and fellow education (scheduled to debut in 2014). In July 2013 the Journal’s first interactive Powerpoint-type paper was published. With the transition to a new online platform in a month, we expect to develop more innovative educational formats for articles.

I would like to acknowledge the support of those who have worked tirelessly on my behalf during this second year of my editorship. My thanks to the Board of Directors of the RSNA, in particular Dr. William Thorwarth, for their support of the Journal this past year. The *RadioGraphics* Editorial Board, our annual RSNA meeting review panels, and our reviewers have been central to maintaining the excellence of the Journal, and my gratitude goes to them as well. Thanks also to those authors I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with, as their needs and concerns are important to me and to the Journal. Roberta Arnold, Jeremy Nielsen, John Humpal, Lucinda Foulke, and the *RadioGraphics* Publications staff under the direction of Managing Editor Rebecca Ritke and Assistant Managing Editor Daniel Halibey have performed superbly in their roles and have helped navigate the changes in personnel and many changes in our support systems this past year. I am also grateful to Kim Franks and Theresa Hahn for their work on the transition from RGXpress to Scholar One as the *RadioGraphics* submission and peer review system. I look forward to an exciting year of change with *RadioGraphics* and the RSNA in 2014. Finally, I’d like to acknowledge the support of my family during the past year.

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