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Overview

During 2010-2011, the Journal has consolidated its monthly publication with sustainable copy stream, whilst maintaining an overall manuscript acceptance rate of 40% - 50%. The special issue covering the 2009 Indigenous Cardiovascular Health Meeting was well received and the Journal is looking forward to publishing the proceedings of the recent 2011 ICHC meeting in Alice Springs. The Journal is also preparing a forthcoming special issue on Electrophysiology and another special issue on Heart Failure is planned for 2011.

International interest in the Journal continues with approximately 10,000 electronic downloads each month and significant readership bases in the USA, Europe and China. Australia and New Zealand continue to be the main countries of origin for manuscripts, but the Journal also continues to receive many manuscripts from Europe, North America and the Middle East. Interestingly, there does not appear to be much impact into South America, which may reflect the Journal's English language foundation.

The Publisher's report is attached for further information regarding readership.

Editorial Board

The Editorial Board is presently completing an extensive renewal process, with new sub-editors and new recruitment to the broader editorial board. The Editors have been particularly pleased at the enthusiasm with which invitations to participate in the Board have been received. This bodes well for the Journal's continued growth and vitality.

The position of the Editor-in-Chief has been advertised on the Journal and CSANZ websites and in the Journal. The closing date is at the end of September, in order to allow broad appreciation of the opportunity and application by a number of individuals. To date three written applications have been received. It is anticipated that a selection committee, which includes two members of the CSANZ Board, two members of the ASCTS Board and one member of the HLC Board shall select the new Editor-in-Chief in October. The current and past Editors-in-Chief shall not be eligible to participate in the selection committee.

Impact Factor

A recent highlight has been the award of an Impact Factor by ISI. This is a major step in Journal development and the Editors anticipate that this will stimulate further submission of quality manuscripts by interested authors. The starting IF is 1.33, which is a reasonable initial figure. It is noteworthy that this IF is above that of some longer established journals such as the International Journal of Cardiology and PACE.

Finances

The Journal is in a healthy financial position, as shown in the attached Financial Statements for 2010-2011. The Net Closing Assets of the Journal are \$190,412. The Journal is in a position to meet its debts as and when due and has some reserves for investment in future development. It should be noted that future operating costs may increase as Journal growth requires a full-time Editorial manager and some educational development support.

Future Challenges

The Journal has some exciting opportunities ahead, which include improving its impact, recruiting a larger number of quality original manuscripts, expanding ancillary e-publication and linkage to the forthcoming CPD program of the CSANZ. The Editors look forward to engaging with these opportunities on the solid foundation that has been built in recent years.



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