



EFORT Open Reviews: the Scientific Editor's Perspective

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EFORT Open Reviews is now in its second year after an impressive series of publications from across the world of orthopaedics and traumatology.

At this point it is interesting to see what has been achieved so far.

Of a total of 230 manuscripts submitted from the beginning, 70 have been published which include 48 reviews, 18 instructional lectures and 4 editorials.*

It is also interesting and pleasing to see that 93 of the articles were sent voluntarily by individuals (non-commissioned) while 137 were commissioned directly by the editorial board or the scientific committee of EFORT. We are very pleased to see so many colleagues offering their expertise for us to publish. A further 45 articles have been invited, of which 40 authors have agreed to write.*

The most important news of the year is that *EFORT Open Reviews* has passed the scientific and technical quality review by NLM for PMC (PubMed). This means

that inclusion in the PMC database has been granted. The journal will be listed on the PMC site and all publications will receive a PubMed ID.

Also, *EFORT Open Reviews* has been accepted for inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and the journal is now listed there.

It follows that an impact factor should be granted within the next 2 years.

The popularity of the journal is reflected in the numbers of "hits" up to February 2017 of 44,616 as recorded by Google Analytics. Usage studies show a progressive increase with 22,500 page views and 14,004 page downloads. Figures 1 and 2 show the distribution of the accepted reviews according to countries of origin and speciality.*

The editors and the board, together with the EFORT executive and The British Editorial Society of Bone & Joint Surgery, wish to thank all of the authors, reviewers and staff who have made this achievement possible.

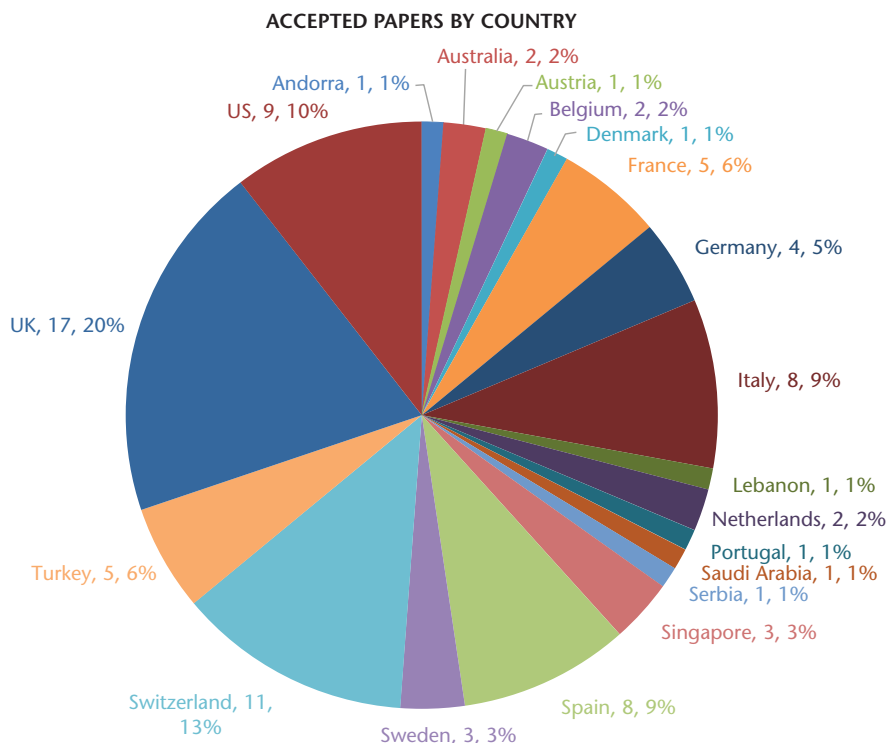


Figure 1. Accepted papers by country*

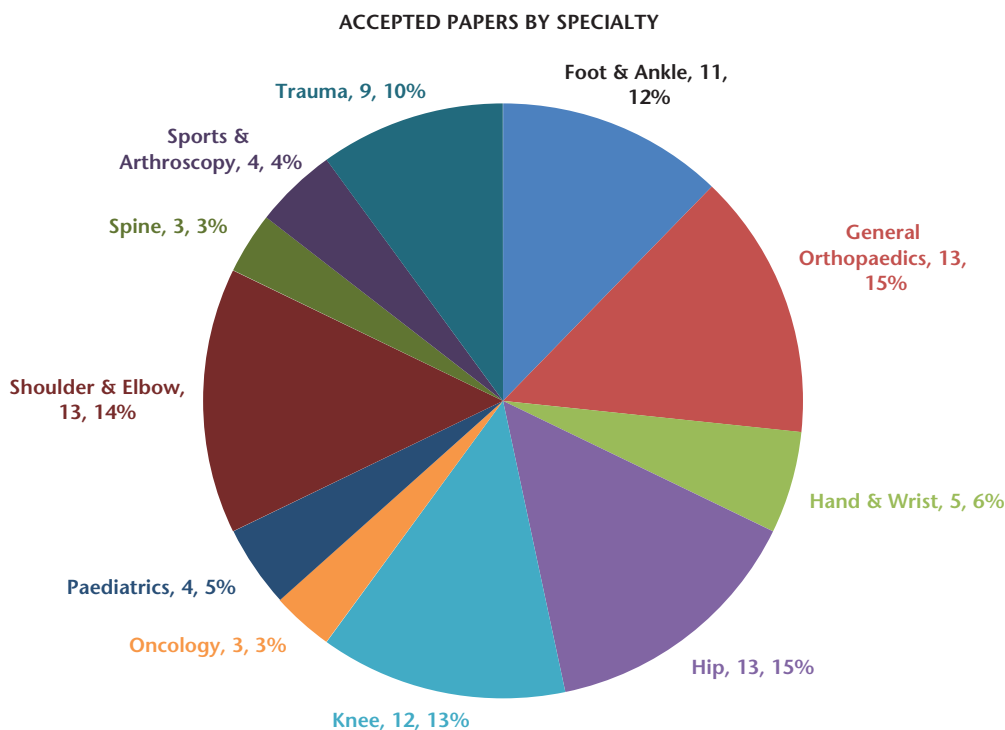


Figure 2. Accepted papers by specialty*

The target timeline from submission to publication of each article is dependent on reviewer times and also the need for placing and planning the grouping of the contents each month.

We are planning a number of focussed “specialty subject” collections which will also affect the time of publication of individual reviews. The timelines should improve gradually in future but the important point for authors is that the acceptance time is short.

The 2017 Vienna Instructional Lectures book – volume 2 of this series includes 18 instructional lectures and 7 high-quality review articles – is actually the 17th since the first was published for the Inaugural Congress of EFORT in 1993 in Paris.

This year sees a broad spectrum of topics by authorities in their particular area of interest, which will be especially fascinating to trainees and established practitioners, as well as for those in the associated specialties, and hopefully administration, who now are a vital part of the orthopaedic and trauma care teams. The lectures include individual novel research-based contributions or surgical techniques as well as relevant current reviews.

We are always pleased to receive constructive comments and articles and to speak with those who wish to offer their services as reviewers and editors.

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(Managing Director) Emma Vodden (Head of Editorial Publishing Services) and the indefatigable Mandy Webb (Managing Editor), to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude.

We look forward to meeting many of you at the EFORT Congress in Vienna and do not forget to visit our EFORT booth. Have a good Congress and may your practice, teaching and research endeavours be as worthwhile and successful as possible.

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*Footnote: Correct as of February, 2017.