



# EFORT Open Reviews: The Editor-in-chief’s perspective

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Now in its fourth year, *EFORT Open Reviews* is developing by leaps and bounds, continuing a series of informative and authoritative contributions, of which 71 have been Instructional Lectures from across the world reflecting the expanding fields of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. To date, around 225 papers have been published.

The enthusiasm for the journal is reflected in the fact that 57% of papers submitted over the past year were unsolicited (sent voluntarily by the authors), compared with only 46% in 2017. This is excellent. The papers continue to arrive, and Figure 1 shows the international spread of papers that have been accepted for publication. Figure 2 shows the spread of papers across the orthopaedic specialties.

All papers are indexed in PubMed as of May 2017. Furthermore, the journal has been accepted for indexing in the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) from January 2018. Since all the articles published since the beginning of 2017 are now available in the Web

of Science Core Collection, this will increase the journal’s readership. Figure 3 shows the growing EOR readership. Also, currently, the journal achieves on average 28 350 full-text downloads per month on the EOR website and PubMed, and a growing number each month on Web of Science.

Inclusion in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) is seen as the precursor to acceptance in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) which, all being well, will result in the achievement of an Impact Factor for EOR from the 2019 volume onwards, which would then be included in the Journals Citations Report in 2020. Also, EOR has been accepted for indexing in Scopus.

The new 2018 Lisbon Congress print issue is different in that we have included a themed section on Joint Registries which will act as a very useful reference point for all of our authors and readers, with 12 registry-based papers as well as the regular 12 Instructional Lecture papers, based on actual lectures all to be presented at the Congress.

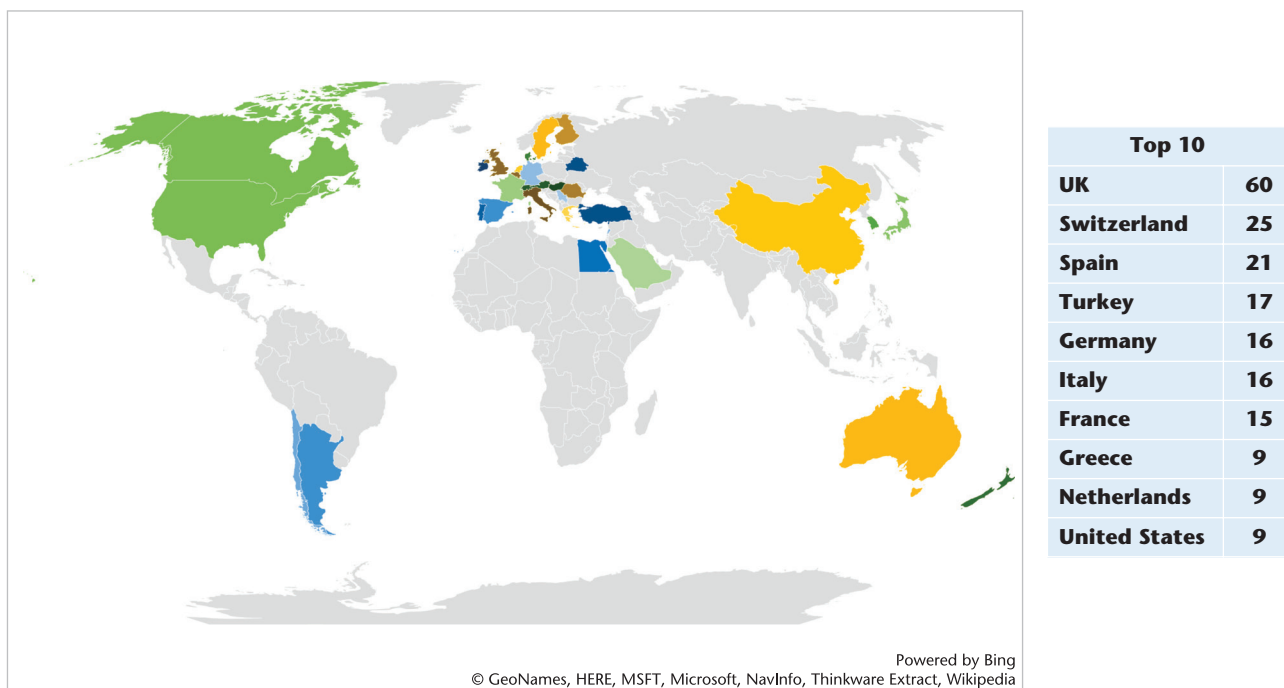


Fig. 1 Geographical distribution of papers accepted for publication in EOR.

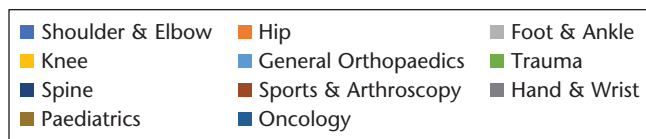


Fig. 2 Papers accepted for publication in EOR, by specialty.

The Editors and the board of Associate Editors, the EFORT executive and Bone & Joint Publishing wish to thank all the authors, reviewers and staff for their unstinting activity in ensuring the excellent progress of EOR. In this context, we would like to welcome three new Associate Editors: for Shoulder & Elbow: Przemysław Lubiatowski, University of Medical Sciences in Poznań, Poland; for Spine: Enric Caceres, Autonomous University of Barcelona UAB, Spain; and for Paediatrics: Julio de Pablos, Hospital San Juan de Dios, Spain.

The acceptance time for papers depends on reviewer times and the need for placing and planning the grouping of topics. Nevertheless, the acceptance time is short and is recorded as soon as the decision is made so that the papers are ‘accepted for publication’ and can be entered on applications and CVs. We are working to improve this further. The experiment of publishing a group of reviews on related ‘themed’ topics appears to be popular and will continue.

The selection of the reviews for this year’s print issue is diverse, as usual, and contains ‘cutting edge’ as well as established data to make the papers as useful as possible for trainees, consultants and specialists alike, bearing in mind that our colleagues in Nursing and all the associated specialties now attend the Congress. It would be very

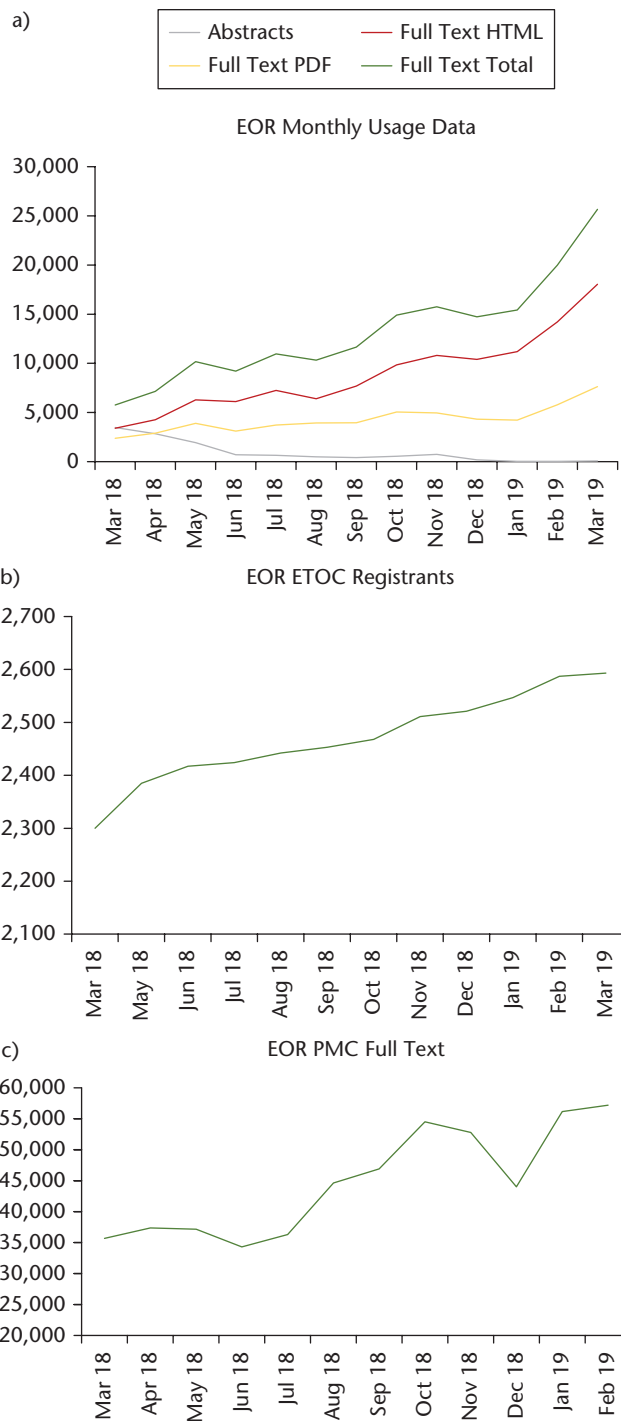


Fig. 3 Growing readership of EOR: (a) monthly usage data; (b) table of content registrants; (c) PMC full text downloads.

interesting to have some reviews from all those who attend the Congress and EFORT’s other activities.

As always, we are delighted to receive feedback regarding the journal and the Instructional Lecture book, and especially your papers.

We are delighted to welcome back Mandy Webb as our new Managing Editor. Mandy stood in for Amy Goggins during her maternity leave and has shown us previously how good she is. We look forward to our new collaboration. We would also like to welcome Charlotte Parkins as our new Publishing Assistant.

This book is made possible by the expertise and publicity talents of Bone & Joint Publishing, in particular Richard Hollingsworth who succeeded Peter Richardson and is full of enthusiasm for the EOR journal. Peter was great, and I am sure Richard will also be excellent in guiding us as part of the “BJJ Family” of journals. Emma Vodden, now promoted to Head of Publishing, has supported us in every way possible especially during the period of changeovers this last year.

We look forward to meeting many of you in the beautiful city of Lisbon – remember to visit the EFORT networking area.

For me this is a particularly nostalgic event because I was president of EFORT when we had our first Lisbon Congress in 2005, which was expertly planned and executed by Manuel Cassiano Neves and his Portuguese colleagues, and really set the pattern and academic tone of our congresses ever since.

Meanwhile, may all your practice, teaching, and research endeavours now, and in the future, be as successful and worthwhile as possible.

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