

EDITORIAL

On the Progress of Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas

Dear Colleagues,

If there is one thing of which we should be proud in the Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (AEDV), it is our journal, *Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas*. In a scientific society such as ours, which will celebrate its centenary next year, having such a prestigious publication is without doubt a cause for pride and satisfaction. We should nevertheless remember that the journal has not reached its current standard by accident. This has occurred through the hard work of numerous members for many years. Compensation for all this effort came 3 years ago with the inclusion of *Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas* once again in MEDLINE.

The new format of the journal has just completed its first year. Our aim was not only that the journal would be more attractive, modern, and accessible (Caesar's wife must not only be chaste but also appear so), but also fundamentally that the content should be improved. To this end, the expectations regarding article quality have been raised, more sections have been added, the style has been adapted to that of other prestigious international journals, and the size of the journal is growing steadily. All of this has gone hand in hand with a marked improvement in the scientific quality of the articles received for publication.

The indicators of improvement for our journal in 2007 were spectacular:

- We almost doubled the number of articles received (182 in 2005, 286 in 2006, and 318 in 2007).
- We accepted 114 articles, of which 94 have been published or are scheduled for publication in 2008.
- The rejection rate has been ideal, at 20%.
- The mean time from acceptance to publication was 5.8 months, an excellent achievement considering that each issue is closed 5 months prior to the publication date.

– The mean time between submission and acceptance was 1.4 months.

Also, since January 2007, the journal has been published in its entirety in English, in digital format, and freely accessible without subscription through MEDLINE. This online access has been a complete success.

For the immediate future we have proposed the fulfillment of the dream of many members: to finally have an impact factor. To achieve this goal, the factors mentioned will not be enough: we will need an additional effort to cite *Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas* in all of our international publications. Our slogan for 2008 is “**Actas is waiting for you, don't forget your citation.**” Our dream will soon become reality if we all work together. It would be the cherry on the cake for the centenary celebrations of our society.

It would not be right to end without congratulating the editorial team. All that has been achieved in the last 2 years has been thanks to their effort, dedication, and care in the service of the journal. This team, led by the Editor in Chief, Esteban Daudén, and made up of the Editor, Isabel Longo, the Associate Editors José Manuel Carrascosa and Diego de Argila, and many other members who are on the editorial board of the journal deserve our recognition and admiration. It is also right that we should congratulate the Board of Directors of the Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Venereology for their unfailing support of all initiatives towards the ongoing improvement of *Actas Dermo-Sifiliográficas*.

Sincerely yours

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