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**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

I wish to take this opportunity to highlight our achievements with the *International Journal of Gynecological Cancer*. We are extremely proud of the great progress seen over the past 7 months by our new Editorial Team. To this end, we would like to share these accomplishments with our readers and all members of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) and the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO).

**Manuscript Processing**

We are extremely proud to recognize the tremendous improvement in the timeliness of manuscript review, processing, and time to production and publication.

Time to reject without review: 5 days

Time for reviewers to complete review: 10 days

Time for review decision: 24 days

Time from acceptance to online publication: 27 days

**ARTICLE METRICS AND WEBSITE TRAFFIC**

Our readers and authors now have the opportunity to see the progress of publications with the metrics link in the specific article. This allows readers and authors to see how many times the manuscript has been downloaded since publication. As an example, the most downloaded article of 2019 is the article by Nelson et al on Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) guidelines. This article has been downloaded over 15 000 times since its publication online in March 2019. Our website also allows visitors to the article to view article history, citation tools views, and share or email the article through any form of social media. The Altmetrics feature allows viewers to see how users are engaging with the article through social media.

We have had a significant increase from prior years on website traffic for our journal. From January to July 2019, our readers have registered a total of 241 830 article views. We have exceeded 120 000 users and 400 000 page views.

**PODCASTS AND VIDEOS**

We have had great success with our weekly podcasts. These have been a great source of education for our members, including trainees and faculty. Each week a new podcast is published featuring a leader in the field

of gynecologic oncology or related areas, discussing a recent topic of relevance. Our videos have also been a valuable addition featuring complex surgical procedures performed by leaders in our field.

From January to July 2019 our podcasts have been listened to over 12 000 times and our videos have had almost 2000 views and over 30 000 impressions.

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND JOURNAL CLUB**

The *International Journal of Gynecological Cancer* has also grown a significant social media following since we started in January 2019. We have over 1000 followers on Twitter (@IJGOnline). We encourage all readers to follow us for updates on published articles, commentaries, and our Journal Club (#JGCclub).

We have a Twitter Journal Club every month featuring the Lead Article where visitors have the opportunity to interact live with the author of the Lead Article for that month. This offers a chance to discuss and challenge points raised by all involved in the live chat.

**REVIEWER OF THE MONTH**

We also feature a special recognition to our top reviewer each month and we provide a recognition in the journal website thanking the great work that is done by our reviewers. In addition, these reviewers will also receive a special recognition at the respective IGCS and ESGO meetings.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL ISSUE**

We will have a Special Issue in Spring 2020 featuring novel research on sentinel lymph node mapping in gynecologic cancers. The special issue will be guest edited by Dr Michael Frumovitz and Dr Alessandro Buda. This issue will offer a broad range of information on application of sentinel mapping in various gynecologic disease sites and feature original articles, reviews, and video articles.

**LAY SUMMARIES**

Starting September 2019, our journal will introduce a special feature called Lay Summary that will provide a brief overview of each issue's Lead Article aimed at patients and families who wish to learn about the most important and novel research performed in our field.



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## Editorial

This will be information from the lead author communicating with the lay public to stress the most impacting findings from their research.

### JOURNAL EVENTS AT IGCS AND ESGO

#### IJGC events at IGCS in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- ▶ “How to Write and Edit Manuscripts” on Thursday, September 19 from 08:00-09:30
- ▶ Meet the Editors social on Thursday, September 19 during the Welcome Reception at 18:00-19:00 at the IGCS booth in the exhibition hall

#### IJGC events at ESGO in Athens, Greece

- ▶ European Network of Young Gynae Oncologists (ENYGO) Lounge Series

Saturday, November 2 at 7:30-8:00am: Pedro Ramirez on How to analyze a study and be critical of a paper

Sunday, November 3 at 7:30-8:00am: Lindsey Struckmeyer on the Manuscript submission process

Monday, November 4 at 7:30-8:00am: Luis Chiva on Video editing and production

- ▶ More events to be announced soon

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