

We thrive not when we've done it all, but when we still have more to do (S. Lewis)

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We are happy to announce that as of 2022 our journal, JCO (*Journal of Children's Orthopaedics*) will be published by SAGE Publishing Inc. SAGE Publishing (formerly SAGE Publications) is an American independent publishing company founded in 1965. It issues more than 1000 journals and more than 800 books per year, numerous reference works, and electronic publications covering business, humanities, sciences and social sciences, technology, and medicine. It is our belief that SAGE will be employing the most advanced strategies to ensure the widest possible visibility and dissemination of the Journal, allowing immediate access to journal articles via PubMed as well.

JCO will be operated in the same way as before. Authors, reviewers, and editors will continue to use the same online-system for manuscript submission and peer-reviews ScholarOne. Any article submitted to JCO will continue to be subjected to the Journal's thorough peer-review process and will be accepted or rejected based on the reviewers' evaluation, article's quality, and relevance. Only articles that have been formally accepted for publication according to JCO's high standards will be published. Articles will instantly be freely available to be read, downloaded, and shared, from the moment they are published. The Editors in Chief and the EPOS Board are confident that they have found an excellent partner with great reputation who will support our Journal and will ensure further development of JCO.

The Article Processing Charge (APC) will remain in the same range as in 2021. The Editors in Chief and the EPOS Board are very pleased to announce that EPOS Members in good standing and International Editorial Board Members will be entitled to 50% discount of the regular APC. Active reviewers, who are not members of the Board, will be eligible for a 20% APC discount on their next submission. We are happy to be finally able to grant this kind of acknowledgment to our reviewers.

A bit of history

On 9 February 2007, the European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (EPOS) launched its official scientific journal, the *Journal of Children's Orthopaedics* (JCO), as a much-needed global educational platform. It rapidly became the

sine-qua-non source of information and an authority in providing scientific and clinical data to the pediatric orthopedic community worldwide. We have then undertaken to abide by the goals we have committed to, to meet the challenge of maintaining high standards, and to keep up with ongoing progress.

Further expansion took place in 2014 when JCO underwent a publication revolution by changing into an open access model, which increased our global visibility and the much-needed worldwide dissemination of scientific information.

For the past 5 years, our journal has been hosted by Bone & Joint Publishers (BJP). We would like to express our gratitude for the excellent service provided and especially to extend our profuse thanks to our Journal Manager, Mrs. Mandy Webb, whose competence and efficiency have exceeded all expectations.

Table 1 summarizes Key journal data for these years (2017–2021). As you can see, there is a significant and steady improvement and a remarkable development by all measurable parameters. Most importantly, the Impact Factor and the number of full-text free downloads have increased from 68,884 in 2017 to 364,311 in 2021. JCO is included in the main Impact Factor databases (SCIE and SSCI). The Impact Factor has increased from 1.092 (announced June 2018) to 1.548 (announced June 2021) and we have good reasons to assume that next year JCO Impact Factor will be even above this level. We owe this success to the quality of submissions of excellent researchers from all over the world, to the critical eye of the reviewers, and to the selective acceptance of the best papers publication.

Since 2017, JCO has been providing translation of all abstracts published in the journal into the Chinese language, with free access to the Journal website for the Chinese abstracts as well as full texts of the papers in English. The Editors in Chief would like to thank and acknowledge the important contribution of the Chinese translators' team, which was founded and headed by Professor B. Chen, Professor J. Yang, and Dr. L. Feng. The Editorial Board is pleased to welcome Professor Federico Canavese, who is to become the deputy editor for the Chinese section, and whose excellent relations with various Chinese institutions will further strengthen



Table 1. Key journal data for the past 5 years.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
New submissions (excl. revisions)	214	210	194	271	235
Accepted	68	94	70	83	76
Rejected	126	123	111	153	155
Rejection rate in %	68	60	71	70	72
Published papers	77	91	79	85	80
EPOS members	19 (25%)	28 (31%)	31 (39%)	41 (48%)	29 (36%)
Non-EPOS members	26 (34%)	50 (55%)	34 (43%)	31 (36%)	39 (49%)
Waivers (CCR's)	10 (13%)	13 (14%)	14 (18%)	7 (8%)	9 (11%)
Non-APC (Letters, Book Reviews)				6 (7%)	3 (4%)
Publication time (acceptance to Online First) in working days	29	24	19	21	21
Usage (full-text downloads)	68,884	107,970	233,450	277,424	364,311
ToC alerts	475	1092	1248	1424	1564
APC	EPOS: free Non-EPOS: €350	EPOS: €400 Non-EPOS: €900	EPOS: €600 Non-EPOS: €1,500	EPOS: €600 Non-EPOS: €1,500	EPOS: €600 Non-EPOS: €1,700
Impact Factor	1.092 (announced June 2018)	1.296 (announced June 2019)	1.075 (announced June 2020)	1.548 (announced June 2021)	Current standings (December 2021): 1.652 (the evaluation is at the end of February 2022—a further increase can be expected)

EPOS: European Paediatric Orthopaedic Society; APC: Article Processing Charge; ToC: Table of Contents; CCR: Current Concept Reviews.

the bond between countries and will be a much appreciated asset to our Journal.

Prospects

We admit we have had some very demanding times during our 15 years of existence of the Journal, but the achievements have surpassed all hopes. We maintain the holistic approach as a tradition of our profession: JCO—an open access peer-reviewed journal for all disciplines in pediatric orthopedics with world-wide dissemination. JCO will continue to be a leading journal for pediatric orthopedic surgeons and researchers, which provides a complete and trusted resource for the orthopedic, trauma, and musculoskeletal science communities.

The impact of second year with the COVID19 pandemic continues to affect our clinical and academic activities. The consequences of the pandemic continue to influence different aspects of our lives. Many changes are

likely to stay with us. We truly hope that in 2022 the Covid-19 pandemic will be controlled in a fashion that the EPOS-congress in Copenhagen can take place.

We are confident that JCO will continue to thrive and to be an important source of scientific, intellectual exchange in the realm of pediatric orthopedics. We are looking forward to your continuous support and trust in our journal. We also hope that young scientists continue to dedicate their time to do excellent research and to submit outstanding papers to our journal.

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