

Editorial Meeting Thursday 12 April 2018

Time: Thursday 12 April at 14:00–18:00

Venue: Scandic Palace Hotel, Rådhuspladsen 57, Copenhagen

Participants: Hans Thulesius (HT), Anja Møller (AM), Helena Liira (HL), Svein Kjosavik (SK), Päivi Korhonen (PK), Jørgen Nexøe (JN), Emil Sigurdsson (ES), Pauliina Ilvespakka (PI)

Agenda

1. Appointment of person to take minutes of the meeting

PI was appointed to take the minutes.

2. Approval of minutes of the editorial meeting in October 2017

Minutes of the editorial meeting were approved.

3. Discussion of the current situation of the editorial work

- Editorial practices and processes

Improvement needed: if instructions are not followed, editorial office needs to remind the authors and ask for corrections before forwarding to the editor. Key points are commonly missing. Editorial office will check that 'Instructions for authors' have been followed (http://www.nfpg.org/flx/sjphc/instructions_for_authors/), also regarding references.

- Impact factor

HL: we need to continue work to improve that (the target is to get the impact factor again over 2). The means is to cite SJPHC papers from two previous years (in 2018, the papers from 2016 and 2017 are important). It is also a service to authors to have a policy that we recommend that Scandinavian general practice papers are mentioned and discussed in the journal.

- Situation with the reviewers

With the developments of Manuscript Manager, the situation is better than before. However, everyone was asked to suggest new reviewers. There was also discussion about how to delete user names from database due to retirements etc. One solution is to leave user name and information but remove reviewer rights. Pauliina can do this.

PublOn merits can be gained by reviewing papers, a mention of that could be added to automated email requesting a review.

- Any problematic papers

Double publications – there was a discussion whether we could use some technical solution to detect plagiarism. Helena to discuss this with the Andy Baere from the Manuscript Manager.

4. Paper of the year 2017 and 2018

Selection process was discussed. The statistics, metrics (clicks, downloads, being in the news etc), the board, SK suggests that also papers enhancing understanding regarding general practice should be rewarded even if they do not get as many readers or citations.

ES says that we should decide the winner earlier so that winners have time to make reservations to conference (participation fee is the prize), therefore the short list should be sent to the panel of professors in January. Also the problem that the last issue of the year has very little clicks or citations was brought up.

5. Editorials for 2018 and 2019

The publisher has tightened the schedule, so HL suggested that all editorials are sent one month earlier (starting from August 2018) than previously listed so that there is time to do the peer review. There was a discussion of the peer review. Because the journal is peer reviewed, also the editorials should be so.

2018

36/3 Jørgen Nexøe, Denmark. Deadline 1 June 2018

36/4 Päivi Korhonen, Finland. Deadline 1 August 2018

2019

37/1 Hans Thulesius, Sweden. Deadline 1 November 2018

37/2 Emil Sigurdsson, Iceland. Deadline 1 February 2019

37/3 Svein Kjøsavik, Norway. Deadline 1 May 2019

37/4 Jørgen Nexøe, Denmark. Deadline 1 August 2019

6. News from the Nordic editors

HL: planned health reform is in parliament, most experts are against the reform. Large-scale privatization is going to happen. This is probably going to have a negative effect on research.

HT: Lack of GPs and not enough accessibility to primary health care, new concepts of digital / virtual care, retail care – minor medical problems (small acute/emergency stuff) done by nurse practitioners.

ES: same problem also in Iceland.

SK: reform in 2012 has not provided new GPs as was planned. High percentage of GPs would like to change field or move to private sector which would make lack of resources even more severe. New tasks are required but no more money is granted.

JN: bargaining brought some changes regarding patients with diabetes and other chronic illnesses, capitation fee 25%->100%. Using registers for epidemiological research has become more difficult due to fears regarding data protection, privacy, mixing of registers etc. The number of GPs is declining.

7. Next editorial meeting

It was decided to return to the old practice that autumn meetings will take place in Scandinavia rotating in each country. SK suggests that we should try to combine some visit or other program to the meetings and skype meeting should be an exception.

Rotation: Finland 2018, Sweden 2019, Norway, Reykjavik, then perhaps Denmark.

Agenda for the autumn meeting was discussed:

- plan workshops for conferences
- academic meetings in different countries
- strategies to promote journal, recruit more authors etc.

8. Any other business

Discussion about promoting the paper to the readers. SK: Facebook, messages etc. ES: possible and e-mail address list could be used to send a notification about new issues of SJPHC. ES: country of origin of each article should be visible. JN: e-mail list is possible in Denmark.

HL presented a process chart for receiving, reviewing and publishing the manuscripts.

Economy of the journal was discussed, price level of the publisher and possible tendering process with other journals were brought up by HL.

T&F: problems with the informahealthcare-webpage(security warning), instructions for authors are repeatedly wrong.