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Message from the Editor-in-Chief of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*

Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is my pleasure and a privilege to inform you of current developments of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery*. As many of you know, we reached a milestone this year: our impact factor rose above 2! We are currently listed as number 11 of 31 journals in the category of Emergency Medicine with an impact factor of 2.139 according to the Thompson Reuters JCI. Thus, the official journal of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery is very visible in the broad field of trauma, acute surgical emergencies, and disaster & military surgery.

This visibility is reflected by substantially increasing numbers of full-text downloads of articles, which had already reached 250,000 in November 2020 (Fig. 1).

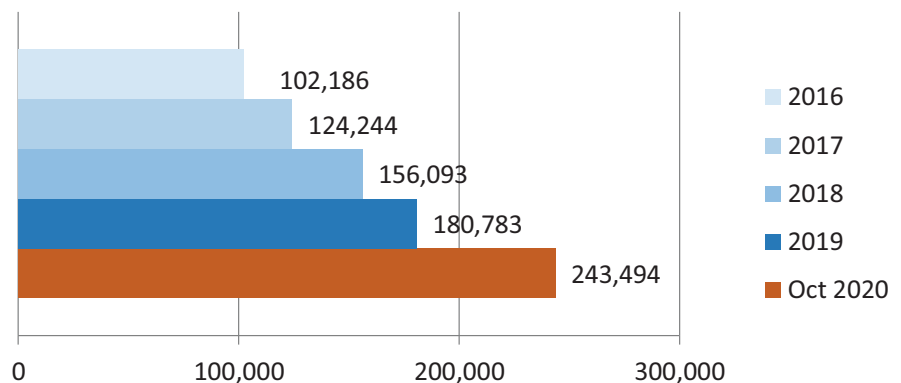


Fig. 1 Full-text downloads of the *Eur J Trauma Emerg Surg*

This shows that the publications in our journal are very interesting for readers and broadly accessible via university contracts and increasingly via open access publications. In this respect, I would like to mention that SpringerNature has further increased the number of institutional agreements which allow authors to publish their article open access—at no cost to them—in more than 1,850 Springer journals.

Please check, therefore, whether your institution participates at <https://www.springernature.com/de/open-research/institutional-agreements>.

Not only are the full-text downloads increasing, we are also experiencing a substantial rise in the number of submissions. While we had 620 submissions in 2019, we had already received 827 new submissions as of October 2020 (Fig. 2).



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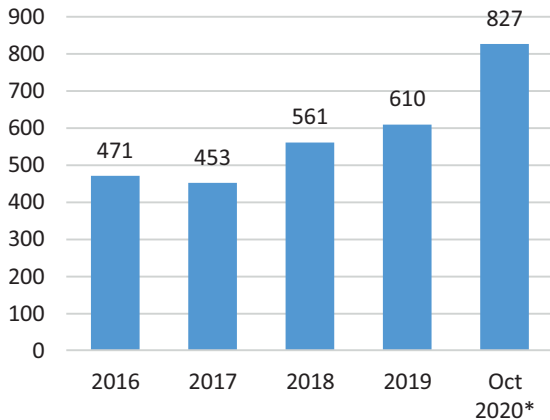


Fig. 2. Number of new submissions to the *Eur J Trauma Emerg Surg* (*status date 31 October 2020)

While we are very enthusiastic about this development, the editors and reviewers of the journal are also very busy due to this demanding workload. Therefore, I am very grateful for the continued very active and engaged daily work of the whole editorial board. I thank all the reviewers performing their reviews in due time in addition to their clinical work, the section and guest editors for their structured contributions and in particular my editor colleagues for their enormous efforts to manage the allocated papers until they are finally decided. I know, everybody is doing this work in addition to their professional and clinical duties, which are in general already higher than 100%! On this occasion, I would like to personally thank all of you and the publisher, in particular Beate Hienz in Heidelberg and Kanishkaa Sridhar in India, and Liesa Schmitz and René Verboket in my department, for their daily effective cooperation.

One person who has contributed to the development of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery* over 20 years is Prof. Pol Rommens! Since the start of the *European Journal of Trauma* in the year 2000, Prof. Rommens has significantly contributed to the quality of the Journal and has been Full Editor since 2002. Without his continuous engagement in activities, the extension to the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery* in 2007, the listing in MEDLINE and recognition by ISI, and the tremendous increase in perception of the journal would not have been possible. I am sure, the number of working hours of Prof. Rommens is uncountable! Prof. Pol Rommens has decided to step down at the end of this year and to give room for the next generation. I personally thank you, Pol, very cordially for your enormous contribution to the journal and your contributions to the very positive developments in trauma care in general! I am certain that you will follow and support us in the future! We all wish you the best and always good health.

Lastly, COVID-19 has had us in its grip over the last few months and has significantly changed our daily clinical work. Work has changed dramatically, but we have learned to deal with this. We all have to take care of ourselves, our families, friends, coworkers, and patients.

Under these circumstances, I wish you a healthy Christmas and hopefully a getting better New Year 2021.

Ingo Marzi

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