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Editor-in-Chief's report for the Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care

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2005 was a successful year for the Journal and I would like to thank the editors and our board for help and good working conditions. Also Lise Stark, the editorial secretary, has done an excellent job.

Editorial group

Two new assistant editors have joined our group: Thomas Drivsholm, Denmark, and Petur Petursson, Iceland. They replace John Sahl Andersen and Bryndis Benediktsdottir, who have stopped, and I would like to thank them for their work as co-editors for the Journal.

The editorial group now comprises: Anelli Sandbæk (Denmark, national editor), Thomas Drivsholm (Denmark, assistant editor), Irma Virjo (Finland, national editor), Heikki Luukinen (Finland, assistant editor), Johann Sigurdsson (Iceland, national editor), Petur Petursson (Iceland, assistant editor), Anders Bærheim (Norway, national editor), Morten Lindbæk (Norway, assistant editor), Anders Håkansson (Sweden, national editor) and Cecilia Björkelund (Sweden, assistant editor).

An editorial meeting (national editors and the co-editor from Sweden) was held in Malmö, Sweden, in the autumn of 2005.

Manuscript handling

Since New Year 2006 manuscript handling has become electronic and web-based. Authors submit their manuscript at a website and all correspondence (including the review process) is performed by means of the web. The system, Manuscript Manager, appears to function well, although there have been a few start problems (mainly in the internal procedures of the editors). The system is likely to

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save time and money when it functions optimally. Costs for the system have been covered by the existing budget.

Production schedule

The production schedule for 2005 has been followed – even if issue 3 was a bit late in some countries due to postal problems. The production plan for 2006 will be very similar to that of 2005.

Economy

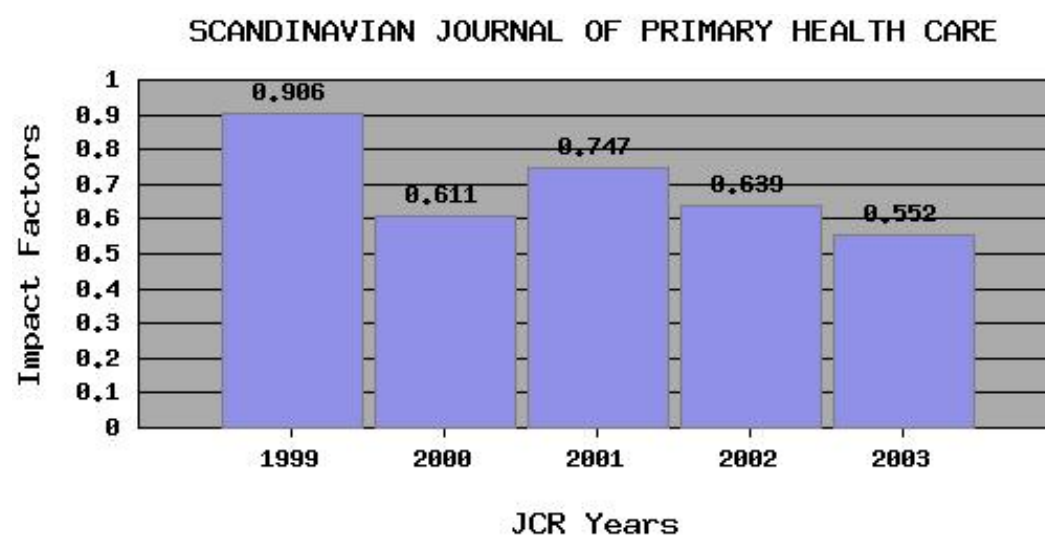
Expenses for 2005 were kept within the budget for the editorial work. Expenses for editorial meetings are the main concern, but it is important to meet twice a year.

Number of manuscripts

The number of manuscripts received in 2005 was on the same level as in 2004. The total acceptance/rejection rate was more or less the same.

Journal impact factor (JIF)

The latest JIF (for 2004 which was released in the summer 2005) was **1.0** - which is the highest ever:



The ambition is to keep the JIF of SJPHC close to comparable journals such as British J Gen Pract and Family Practice (range 1-2).

Contract with Taylor and Francis

Our present contract expires 31 December 2006 and the principles of a new should be discussed at the meeting in Copenhagen 2006. The editors find it important to prepare SJPHC for the needs of the near future and hope it will be possible to establish a free access internet version of SJPHC with seamless

functionality from 2007. It is still mandatory to have a paper version of the Journal, but increasingly readers may be satisfied with just the Internet version.

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