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**EDITORIAL**

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**ACTA MEDICA SALINIANA:  
A FAST GROWING JOURNAL**

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Dear readers,

At the end of our first year together as Editorial Board, we are pleased with the work we have been able to accomplish in such a short period. Within a year we have managed to completely digitalize the journal and start with the online process of submission, editing and publication of Acta Medica Saliniana.

We have shortened the review process and we are now able to invite and communicate with referees in a speedy and efficient manner. Authors are able to track their manuscript from the moment they submit it to our office to the moment it is published.

During the last year we have also started with our *Articles In Press* section. *Articles In Press* contains peer reviewed accepted articles to be published in our journal. When the final article is assigned to an issue of the journal, the *Articles In Press* version will be removed from this section and will appear in the associated published journal issue. However, this way our authors do not need to wait for the hardcopy publication - their work is available immediately for others to read, use and cite.

We have also managed to include our journal into several important indexation services and are actively working to expand this list. Another important issue is open access - both, submissions and publication of manuscripts are free of charge.

Everything we have done in the last year was apparently recognized by many of our readers, making them our valuable contributors. The number of submissions increased by over 75% in the last year and we are also happy to have submissions coming from 4 continents.

Increased number of submissions will probably allow us to increase the frequency of publication to 4 per year, which is also a part of our plans for the development of AMS.

During the year 2009, from the end of February to the beginning of November we have had over 15500 visits to our web site coming from 119 different countries. The average time from the moment of submission to the finished review was 38 days. We are very happy that we can offer to our authors a reasonably quick review and corresponding decision.

In this issue you will also have the opportunity to see the list of our valuable reviewers and to see that they also come from more than 25 different countries and that they are all well recognized experts in their respective field.

We hope that our efforts will continue to produce results and that Acta Medica Saliniana will continue to grow. However, this is not possible without continuing contributions.

Therefore, we invite you to take an active part: submit your papers, make yourself available as a reviewer, communicate with Editorial Office, send us your comments and suggestions, or at least, recommend us to your colleague.

We hope that next year will bring us additional improvements for our Journal and that our authors will find Acta Medica Saliniana to be a perfect venue for their manuscripts.

With our best wishes,

*Acta Medica Saliniana  
Editorial Board Members*