

2022 Mid-Year Report for *Psychotherapy Research*

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Personnel

On January, 2022, Christoph Flückiger started his second year as managing editor and Catherine F. Eubanks began her first year as co-editor of the journal. All associate editors served one-year terms that ended December 31, 2021. Jaime Delgado, Fredrik Falkenström, Andrew McAleavey, Hanne Weie Oddli and Eugénia Ribeiro each are continuing as associate editors in 2022. Dana Atzil-Slonim decided to leave her position as associate editor after many years of exceptional service, and Juan Martín Gomez-Penedo started his term. A new editorial board for the journal was formed in early 2022 with 100 board members committing to a three-year term.

Manuscript Submissions

From June 01, 2021, to May 31, 2022, 316 original manuscripts and 176 revisions (overall 492 manuscripts) were submitted to *Psychotherapy Research* by authors from 47 countries. This is a constant submission rate compared to the previous year. By comparison, the submissions of the last few years with the same time period was: 309, 313, 262, 257, 272, 203. Thus, there was an increase of about 50% over the last 7 years. Of all manuscripts on which final decisions were rendered from June 01, 2021, to May 31, 2022, and which were submitted within the same time period, 14.2% of the submissions were accepted for publication, 13.6% had major revisions, 9.3% had minor revisions, 18.0% had reject and submit, and 44.7 % were rejected. The rejection ratio of the original manuscripts with final decisions was 84.8%, which is a comparable to the

rejection rate of prior years (about 83%). To date, there has been no substantial impact of the Corona-pandemic on the journal submission rate.

The average time from submission to first decision for all manuscripts submitted from June 01, 2021, to May 31, 2022, was 23 days (two prior years: 25 and 22 days). The average time from initial submission to final decision was 35.5 days (two prior years: 44.6 and 37.4 days). These figures include manuscripts that were rejected by the editors without peer review, as well as decisions on revised manuscripts that did not undergo peer review, so the average time for authors to receive a decision on peer-reviewed manuscripts obviously was longer.

Overall, it is somewhat more challenging for the action editors to find reviewers during the Corona-pandemic. However, there has been no substantial impact of the pandemic on the timing of the review process. Authors can expect that the first decision of their manuscript will be made within 40 days. With this strategy, we hope to keep the high submission rate of the journal and we hope that SPR members perceive this processing time as an attractive incentive to submit their best manuscripts to the journal. We thank the Associate Editors and Editorial Board Reviewers and SPR members for their great engagement with the journal!

Published Pages and Time to Publication

In 2022, as was the case in 2021 and 2020, the journal will publish 1104 pages in 8 issues (4 mailings, each containing 2 issues). In 2018, the journal published 984 pages, up from 768 pages in 2017 and several previous years. This increased page allotment helped reduce a prior backlog of manuscripts that had been accepted for publication. The time from acceptance of an article to its appearance in print decreased from 23 months in 2017 to several months at present, which staff at Taylor and Francis consider to be an appropriate lag time.

Forthcoming Special Sections

A special section will be published on the therapy relationship in CBT with two guest editors. Furthermore, we have three special sections in progress: on causality, on relationship aspects in online and blend therapy and on responsiveness. Now that the backlog of accepted manuscripts has decreased, we encourage proposals for future special sections.

Impact Factor

The 2021 2-year impact factor for *Psychotherapy Research* was 4.12 (earlier years: 3.77, 2.98; 2.79, 2.95, 2.56, 2.57) indicating a continuous increase in the impact factor. The jump is partly impacted by a new counting system and at this point it is uncertain how this will impact the impact factor for 2021; the impact factor will probably decrease next year to the prior range (i.e., there is one transition year). The past six years are the only years in the history of the journal in which the two-year impact factor has been greater than 2.00. 2020 was the first year in the journal's history that the two-year impact factor was above 3.00.

Among journals categorized as "Psychology, Clinical," *Psychotherapy Research* had the 45nd highest 2-year impact factor in 2020 (Q2 from 130 journals) and had the 25nd highest Journal Citation Indicator in 2020 (Q1, from 173 journals).

Taylor and Francis

Christoph and Catherine met with the publication staff from Taylor and Francis on a regular basis. Agenda items included an assessment of the current backlog, journal formatting, open access, impact factors, article downloads, journal marketing, copyediting, and altmetrics (i.e., measures of attention an article receives through social media). Furthermore, there is a change to a new submission system. During the transformation phase there were some minor technical challenges to manage. Taylor and Francis continues to consider *Psychotherapy Research* one of its stronger journals, and the working relationship with Taylor and Francis remains very constructive.

Adam Burbage is the publisher of the journal, and the new production editor is Beulah Venitha (replacing Liz Barker and Raja Chinnadurai together). The communication with Beulah is working very well.

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Sincerely,

Christoph Flückiger and Catherine F. Eubanks