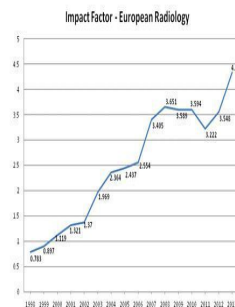


## European Radiology: World's Top General Radiology Journal Soon



The European Society of Radiology's flagship journal *European Radiology* has increased its influence even further. The newly released ISI Impact Factors, which are published annually in Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports show a substantial jump in the journal's factor, from 3.548 in 2012 to 4.338 in 2013. The impact factor is calculated on the basis of citations in other scientific publications, and it measures the scientific importance of a journal.

The journal's impact factor has been climbing rapidly since it was registered in 1998, and after a steep rise over the past three years it has now reached its highest number yet: 4.338. In addition, the journal has moved up further in rank from number 19 to 13 out of 121 radiological journals in the radiology, nuclear medicine and molecular imaging section, and is again the top general radiological journal in Europe.

*European Radiology* was founded by Josef Lissner in 1991 as a European forum for radiology and the official journal of the European Society of Radiology (ESR) and numerous subspecialty societies. It publishes original articles and state-of-the-art reviews by leading radiologists and provides cutting-edge science in the field of radiology to readers all over the world.

Apart from a balanced combination of review articles, original articles and short announcements, it also offers a platform for several radiological societies to publicise their events or news.

From 2007 to 2013, submissions almost doubled and reached 1,800 per year, and authors appreciate the very competitive turnaround time for decisions, which is 30.6 days on average. The journal also attracts a large amount of readers, with over 60,000 individual subscribers and more than 8,000 institutions worldwide. This is also reflected in the number of full text downloads, which reached the half-million mark in 2012. Apart from its official website ([www.european-radiology.org](http://www.european-radiology.org)), the journal is also on Facebook with over 4,000 fans, and offers an iOS app that can be downloaded free of charge for the iPhone and iPad. Readers can also receive a monthly table of contents alert for all new *European Radiology* issues, which is already used by 24,000 subscribers.

The competition to publish articles in the journal remains very high with an acceptance rate of only 20% of submitted articles. The thorough selection process is performed with the help of over 2,200 expert reviewers, who dedicate their free time and expertise to provide careful and constructive comments on the papers they review.

The strict peer-review system maintains the quality of the published articles and helps authors to improve their work before publication.

The impact factor increase is great news for the journal and shows the major contribution of Prof. Adrian Dixon during his term as Editor-in-Chief. Prof. Dixon was appointed Editor-in-Chief of *European Radiology* in 2007, taking over from Prof. Albert L. Baert who very successfully introduced the electronic submission system and greatly raised the profile of the journal. Since the journal was founded there has been a steady increase in submissions and impact factor. The recent impressive rise in the impact factor is largely due to Prof Dixon's exceptional commitment, vision and expertise, and his work as Editor-in-Chief of *European Radiology* has been greatly appreciated by the scientific community. Prof Dixon said: "This recent rise in Impact Factor is very satisfying for all the members of the hard-working team; it was an honour to take over as Editor-in-Chief from Prof. Baert. We will watch its continued success with great pride."

In 2013, Prof. Dixon stepped down as Editor-in-Chief because of other duties at his university, and *European Radiology* is now in the very capable hands of Prof. Maximilian Reiser from Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany. The journal had a good start this year, and the quality of the published articles and support for the authors and reviewers continues.

"*European Radiology* is very proud to see this substantial increase in the Impact Factor, as it reflects the excellent scientific work being done by members of the European Society of Radiology, its associated societies and by imaging scientists around the world. With submissions coming from around the world, many from North America, Latin America and Asia, it has become a truly international journal supported by many reviewers in these regions. The editorial team are extremely grateful to all those who submit their scientific work to the journal and, in particular, to the numerous expert reviewers who provide assessments of the submitted articles on a voluntary basis while meeting very tight deadlines. I would also like to thank Prof. Dixon for the outstanding support and advice he provided when I took over as editor," said Prof. Reiser in response to the news.

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