

## From Editor Desk

Dear readers, authors and reviewers,

The last volume of *Acta Universitatis Palackianae Olomucensis Facultatis Medicae* (2000; 144) was published fourteen years ago. In 2001, the title was changed to *Biomedical Papers* which became a periodical from the year 2003. In 2011, it acquired its first Impact Factor which in 2012 was 0.99. Currently, the journal is a respected publication forum for reviews, original papers and case reports in medicine and clinical research. Book reviews are invited.

From this year, we request that prospective authors justify the contributions of the individuals involved. Authorship criteria are now included under “Instructions to authors” like most journals with impact factor (see [www.councilscienceeditors.org](http://www.councilscienceeditors.org) – CSE’s White Paper on Promoting Integrity in Scientific Journal Publications). We feel a responsibility toward authors and reviewers to edit this journal with fairness and integrity and to do everything possible to ensure the scientific credibility of what is printed. All persons designated authors/co-authors must provide evidence for their contribution and all those who qualify should be listed. Each author must have participated sufficiently in the work to take public

responsibility for appropriate portions of the content. Those who contributed to the work but did not qualify for authorship should be listed in the acknowledgements. To qualify for authorship, one should contribute to all of the following: (i) Conception and design of project or analysis and interpretation of the data, (ii) Drafting or critically revising the content of the manuscript submitted for publication, and (iii) Giving final approval of the version to be published. All three criteria must be met for an individual to be listed as an author or co-author on a published paper. Other criteria which do not qualify an individual for “author status” are the following: (i) Supplying funding or other resources, (ii) Collecting data only, (iii) General supervision of the research group, and (iv) Being department or division head.

Second, in the content, the articles will be characterized “In brief”.

We think that these are small steps which will enhance the value of our journal to our readers.

Finally, we would like to present a new member of the Editorial board, Jan Vaclavik. His CV is provided in the Section News. We give him a hearty welcome.

*Jitka Ulrichova and Vilim Simanek, Editors*