

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF EDITORIAL OFFICE OF QUARTERLY PRZEGLĄD EPIDEMIOLOGICZNY – EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REVIEW FOR 2012-2015

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In 2012. Editors of *Przeгляд Epidemiologiczny – Epidemiological Review (PE)* took part in the contest INDEX PLUS 2012, established by Minister of Science and Higher Education (MNiSW), for funds under the program whose aim was to provide the PE international character and improve its position in the international scientific community. The proposal was approved on September 5, 2012, and the implementation was completed in November 2014. The report was accepted by the Authorities.

Editors committed to issuing quarterly in English and posting the full text on the website. Notified of the above, subscribers to the EP - in response to a questionnaire sent by the editorial staff - were of the opinion that the Polish edition of the EP should be continued in printed form.

Despite the availability of a full web version number of print subscribers has not decreased.

As a result, after the completion of the project in the MNiSW ranking of scientific journals PE obtained 7 points, and in the Index Copernicus 2014. 9 points, which is a higher rating than the previous - 6.19 points. Our quarterly is indexed in the databases: PubMed, Web of Science, Scopus, Polish Medical Bibliography.

Currently PE is a quarterly bilingual English-Polish. Each issue includes a full English version of the article and a full written text in Polish. For tables, illustrations and bibliography the reader is referred to English version.

Full texts of PE are digitalized under the project INDEX PLUS and are available in electronic form on the website.

Complying to the needs of the Polish readers Editors maintained the custom of placing in the EP recommendations for treatment of Infectious Diseases made available by the Polish Society of Epidemiologists and Infectious Diseases Physicians, as well as those provided directly by experts such as Polish Group of HBV and HCV Experts.

Professing the tradition in EP Editors maintained the following divisions: Problems of infections, Vaccines

and Immunizations, Public Health and also Chronicle of Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases in Poland and History of Medicine.

In 2014. special interest aroused report of the Conference at the National Institute of Public Health on “Coordination of activities of public institutions in the event of an outbreak,” (in reference to the Ebola epidemic, which was published in EP 2014; 68 (4): 787-796, and also publications on pertussis.

Currently the Editors continue their efforts to obtain for PE an Impact Factor. It is hampered by the relatively low rate of citations of articles published in the EP. In part it is the result of some negligence of our epidemiologists and physicians who use in their papers data published in PR and do not quote the source. So using this opportunity I would appeal to you colleagues, always when it is proper, please quote articles published in PE. It will help us in getting for PE well-deserved impact factor.

Publication of the article in the EP does not take long time - largely it depends on the time to obtain the review. The annual number of manuscripts sent to the editors is 80-100. Percentage of articles ineligible for print does not exceed 20%.

Approximately 40% of published articles are authored or co-authored by employees of the NIPH- NIH. The authors of the remaining 60% are mainly employees of various institutes, departments and clinics Medical Universities from all over Poland. A significant number of works were received from public health departments of universities. We also obtain articles by people working in medical institutes, hospital wards for infectious diseases and Sanitary-Epidemiological Stations. Share of foreign Authors is still very low.

In less than five years we will celebrate the centenary of issuing EP - since 1920. Editors hopes that it will be that time a quarterly an impact factor”.

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