

Ten years of publication of the Hellenic Journal of Nuclear Medicine

With the present issue, our Journal completes ten years of publication. During this period, its subscribers increased about three times and it has presented original and important papers of nuclear medicine and allied sciences. Since the last five years, our Journal is indexed or abstracted by Medline, EMBASE and Copernicus and is linked with the International Centre of Scientific Research-ICSR and other electronic sites of Societies or Institutes related to Nuclear Medicine. The Greek Ministry of Health has included Hell J Nucl Med in its list of "National Journals". We strongly wish that this Journal supports nuclear medicine in an international range and of course among the Greek nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists. By now we have received about 150 submitted papers for 2007 and all of them have been dealt with due respect suggesting comments that may be useful for their authors.

In order to communicate better and faster with the authors of papers submitted for publication, we have included in the present issue, few more instructions to authors. These instructions are in accord with similar instructions of distinguished Journals from Europe and the U.S. Some of these instructions refer to: "Letters to the Editor"; the possibility to present a published paper also in full text electronically; the issue of "conflict of interest"; the responsibility of the authors as to the content of their text, and the authenticity of their Tables and Figures; the possibility that the Editor could sometimes make mistakes; some financial matters etc.

As for the categories of papers submitted, we prefer original or research papers studying a reasonable number of subjects. Material or subjects in order to lead to statistically significant results should be homogenous as to gender, race, age and possible treatment conditions. For example, if a paper

studies 30 subjects and half of them are male and from the male population some are adults, others juvenile and others senile, and in each of these categories we have subjects taking or not taking the same treatment, then the final homogenous statistical sample will consist of not more than three patients. Some say that the minimum homogenous statistical sample should not be smaller than seven subjects. Of course, in case of an original observation, the preliminary study may refer to a small number of patients and may be published in the form of an original short communication.

Through our journal (2007; 10(2): 76-78 & 125-128): we have supported the independence of nuclear medicine and the issue that only nuclear medicine physicians should be responsible for the function of the hybridic equipment of PET/CT and the radiologist, in case the CT test is needed, should be asked as advisor.

As for the necessity of often using the ultrasound technique, nuclear medicine physicians should be educated both in theory and practice of this equipment and thus obtain the necessary permission for its use.

The editors of the HJNM wish to have the opinions of as many as possible of our readers and colleagues of nuclear medicine, about educational, research and professional matters of our specialty thus we welcome related letters to the Editor. A widely accepted decision after long discussion, is necessary to strengthen the independence of nuclear medicine.

Finally the Administrative Board of the Hellenic Journal of Nuclear Medicine, the Editor and the co-Editors of the journal wish to all Members of the Editorial Board, to the Advisors and to all our readers and our subscribers, to have a happy and creative New Year, 2008.

The Editor

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