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[Editorial]

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Louis PASTEUR, Lecture 1854

■ The interaction between the board of the Belgian Society of Cardiology and our publisher has resulted in the creation of a new look for *Acta Cardiologica*. We hope that our readers will enjoy the new presentation and, of course, we remain interested in their comments.

For the years 2009/2010 we have received 527/569 manuscripts from 68 different countries. The acceptance rate was 22%.

Since 1 January 2010 *Acta Cardiologica* became an open access journal. We wonder whether this will contribute to an increase of our modest impact factor: 2005: 0.444; 2006: 0.519; 2007: 0.495; 2008: 0.581; 2009: 0.604.

A statistical overview of our journal on 24 January 2011, covering the period between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2010 reveals 10,765 pdf downloads. In the year 2009 there were 2158 downloads. Obviously, the open access policy of our journal has favoured pdf downloading.

For the year 2010, the twenty most downloaded papers are listed as references¹⁻²⁰.

The editorial staff of *Acta Cardiologica* thanks the board of the Belgian Society of Cardiology for its enthusiastic support. The past two years under the guidance of our president, Dr Frank Van den Branden, Middelheim Hospital, Antwerp, indeed brought fresh impetus and ideas²¹.

We are convinced that the next presidency of Professor Victor Legrand, CHU Sart Tilman, Liège, is a guarantee for a bright future of the society and the journal.

Hugo ECTOR and Patrizio LANCELLOTTI,

Editors,

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