

## EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

# Important notice for authors: impact, paper length, and prize

Over the last 2 years, *Neurogastroenterology and Motility* became one of the leading Journals in the field of Gastroenterology. This is reflected by the high impact of the articles and by the steadily increasing number of high-quality manuscripts submitted to the Journal. As Editors, we are very pleased with this development and with the increased numbers of articles published in each Issue. At the same time, we realize that we have to react to the growing demand. To increase the rejection rate of highly rated manuscripts merely because of space limitations is not an option for the Editors. Due to the increased competition for space, the Editors have decided to restrict the length of a manuscript to a maximum of 4000 words plus references and figures. In particular, the Introduction and Discussion sections should not exceed 500 and 1500 words respectively. Manuscripts that do not meet these criteria will be returned to the authors prior to being sent out for review or, if they are in the review process, prior to publication.

As in the past, the publishers have kindly donated a \$300 monetary prize for the most cited article published in 2002. This year, the prize goes to Drs A. Schikowski, M. Thewissen, C. Mathis, H.G. Ross, and P. Enck for their paper entitled, 'Serotonin type-4 receptors modulate the sensitivity of intramural mechanoreceptive afferents of the cat rectum'.

The second most cited paper was 'Immunoreactivity of Hu proteins facilitates identification of myenteric neurones in guinea-pig small intestine', by Drs Z. Lin, N. Gao, H.Z. Hu, S. Liu, C. Gao, G. Kim, and J. Ren.

The third most cited paper was 'ATP and 5-HT are the principal neurotransmitters in the descending excitatory reflex pathway of the guinea-pig ileum', by Drs R.L. Monro, P.P. Bertrand, and J.C. Bornstein.

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