

## Editorial 2020

We have several news items and enhancements, which I would like to share with you. Before we introduce what is new, let me briefly sum up what remains the same. *Studia Psychologica* (SP) continues with a team of four established Associate Editors – Peter Halama, Eva Ballová Mikušková, Lenka Valuš, Ivan Brezina and one Action Editor — Ida Prokopčáková – and I would like to thank them all for the dedication and hard work they put into running the show smoothly.

We are pleased to inform you that the number of submissions to *Studia Psychologica* has been steadily increasing over the years. Currently, our acceptance rate is about 20%. One of our ongoing commitments is to speed up the editorial process. Currently, it takes us 1 to 5 days to reach the first decision (editorial rejection or decision to start the review process), and about 5 to 12 months for the final decision depending upon the number of revision rounds (usually two). In order to further speed up our publishing process and increase accessibility and relevance of the new research findings, we plan to publish online versions of the accepted papers as soon as the layouts are complete.

Over the past few years *Studia Psychologica* has gradually increased its commitment to open science agenda. Since 2016 we are completely open-access and without any processing charges for the authors. It has resulted in increased number of cited papers and our impact factor (0.644) has increased as well. We expect that the introduced changes will positively affect it correspondingly.

We have been encouraging authors to make their data and materials available to editors and reviewers during the review process as well as to the public after publication of the article – either by sharing it as supplementary materials together with the full text on our webpage or by including a link to external repositories in the paper, such as osf.io. Although many authors responded positively to the requests by editors and reviewers, we plan to also promote sharing by implementing badges for open science practices (pre-registration, sharing data, sharing materials).



Furthermore, we have introduced “Registered Reports”, so the authors can receive reviews of their planned studies before data collection. After successful round of reviews, authors receive “in principle acceptance” of their paper, so after following a pre-registered design and writing up the results and discussion (and second round of reviews) *Studia Psychologica* will publish the paper regardless of whether hypotheses were supported or not. In this way we hope to contribute to better designs of the research and to decrease publication bias, when only positive findings are reported and published.

In addition to “Registered Reports”, we have introduced a section on “Replications”. We publish replications, so long as they have a compelling rationale, e.g., the original results were surprising. In this way we hope to increase the robustness and reliability of psychological findings.

Most importantly, we changed our editorial system from Editorial Manager by Aries to Open Journal System by Public Knowledge Project (<http://journals.savba.sk/>). Reasons for this decision were twofold. Firstly, by using a freeware system we want to further bolster openness not

only in science but in any area of human endeavor as well. Secondly, quench for profits of providers of editorial systems increased the financial burden for our journal. We aim to continue providing free publication services for our authors and to deliver our work as a service to the scientific community with no financial incentives, so the choice to switch to OJS was relatively quick and self-evident. My special thanks for this smooth transition goes to Mr. Miloslav Valčo from the Centre of Operations in Slovak Academy of Sciences, who managed the whole process and provided technical support.

To complement all these changes, we also modernized the layout of our journal to include Open Science badges and ORCIDs.

In the coming year, *Studia Psychologica* will also continue its long-standing tradition of publishing occasional special issues (approx. one per year). Special issue with open call for papers is on Individual and social predictors of irrational behavior and beliefs and we invite authors to submit their paper until August 30, 2020 (for more information please see <https://www.studiapsychologica.com/>). The forthcoming special issue is solicited by myself and a guest editor, however, authors are very welcome to contact the Editorial office with a special issue proposal.

We hope that these changes will be welcomed by the authors and will further boost the quality of our journal and increase the high-quality submissions from the authors studying cognitive and emotional processes. We look forward to the new submissions and thank all the authors, who consider *Studia Psychologica* as an outlet for their work.

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