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Editor-in-Chief's report 2020

The editorial work in Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care was affected like everything else by the pandemic in 2020. The editorial team could not meet in Copenhagen in March as planned and only met once in Zoom in November. A total of 299 papers were submitted to journal and 60 were published. The average time from submission to first decision (first round of peer review) was 60 days and to acceptance 130 days. The journal impact factor rose to 2.160.

Editorial team

In 2020, the editorial team remained the same and was reinforced by the nomination of the Assistant Editor from Iceland, Hannes Hrafnkelsson. The members of the SJPHC editorial team are presented in Table 1.

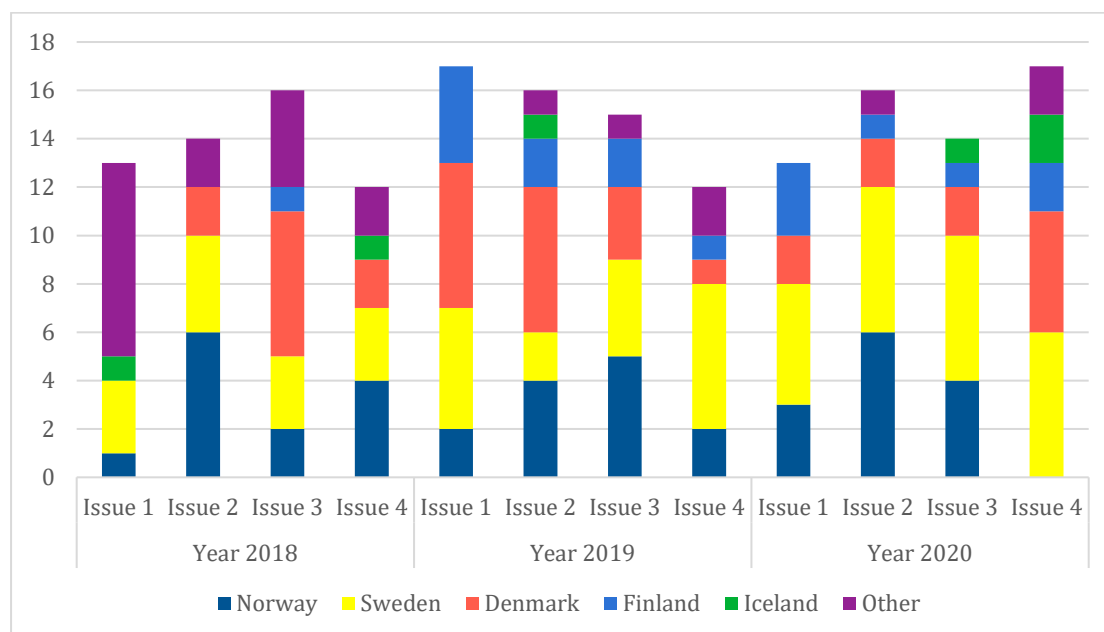
Table 1. SJPHC National and Assistant Editors in the beginning of 2020

Country	National Editor	Assistant Editor
Denmark	Ass. Professor Jørgen Nexøe, University of Southern Denmark	Malene Plejdrup Hansen University of Copenhagen
Finland	Prof Päivi Korhonen, University of Turku	Prof Markku Timonen University of Oulu
Iceland	Ass. Professor Emil Sigurdsson, University of Iceland	Ass. Professor Hannes Hrafnkelsson, Reykjavik University
Norway	Ass Prof Svein Kjosavik, University of Bergen	Dr Anja Maria Lyche Brænd, University of Oslo
Sweden	Ass Prof Hans Thulesius, Lund University	Prof Cecilia Björkelund, University of Gothenburg

Published papers

The number of published papers in 2020 was the maximum of the current contract with the Publisher, which is 60. **Figure 1** presents the published papers per country and per issue. There were 23 papers from Sweden, 13 from Norway, 11 from Denmark, 7 from Finland, three from Iceland and altogether three from other countries, two from the Netherlands and one from Spain.

Figure 1. Papers in the SJPHC in 2018 – 2020 per country and per issue.



Journal impact factor (JIF)

The impact factor of the journal continues to be an important matter for both the authors and the editors. The impact factors always refer to the previous year and are published in June. The JIF for the SJPHC released in June 2020 was 2.160 and rose for the fifth year in row. It is close to the highest ever of 2.205 in 2009.

Collaboration with the publisher and finances

SJPHC and Taylor & Francis (T&F) signed a publishing contract in 2014, and after several renewals, it is due to expire on 31/12/2021. The publisher informed us in October 2020 that the current form of this agreement leaves T&F in a loss-making position, and the publisher would not look to renew it. They also said that if we were to move forward with a new contract, the publisher would want it without the editorial system; the SJPHC has used the Manuscript Manager, which is a program by a small Danish company. In the beginning of 2021, we are negotiating the new contract with Taylor & Francis. It looks like the editorial team will have to give up the current editorial system as the new contract will not include that. This will mean changes in the editorial work in 2022.

In 2020, the SJPHC received EUR 68,015 as royalties. The economic situation may change in 2021 depending on the new contract with Taylor & Francis.

Plans for the 2021

Despite the pandemic, the editorial work runs as usually. The number of submissions has stayed high. If possible, the editorial team will try to meet in person in the later part of 2021.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the team of National and Assistant editors, the team at NFGP and our editorial assistant Pauliina Ilvespakka. Thank you for your persistence in the editorial work during these challenging times.

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Helena Liira
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