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## Editor-in-Chief's report 2021

The business ran quite normally in Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care during the second pandemic year of 2021. The editorial team could finally physically meet in Copenhagen in September. A total of 298 papers were submitted to the journal and 70 were published. The average time from submission to first decision (first round of peer review) was 59 days and to acceptance 127 days. The journal impact factor rose to 2.581 which is the highest ever for the journal.

## Editorial team

In the middle of 2021, Prof. Päivi Korhonen from Turku quit the editorial team and was replaced by Dr Mikael Ekblad. In the end of the year Malene Plejdrup Hansen from Denmark informed that she will step down from the position of Assistant Editor in Denmark. She has not yet been replaced. 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 From 1.9.21 Dr Mikael Ekblad, University of Turku	Prof Markku Timonen University of Oulu
Iceland	Ass. Professor Emil Sigurdsson, University of Iceland	Ass. Professor Hannes Hrafnkelsson, Reykjavik University

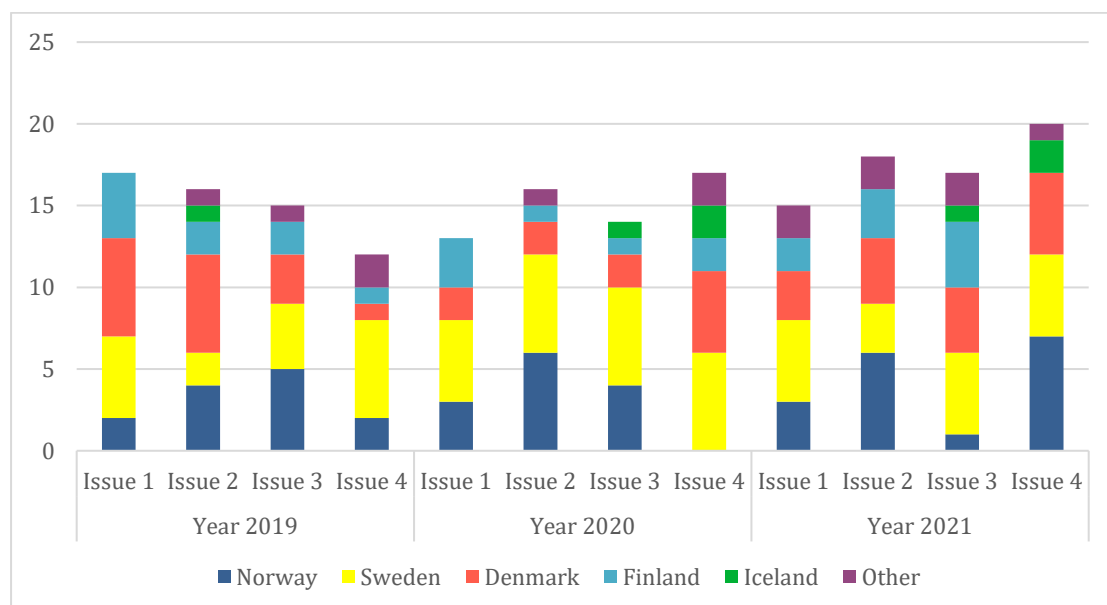
Norway	Ass Prof Svein Kjosavik, University of Bergen	Dr Anja Maria Lyche Brænd, University of Oslo
Sweden	Ass Prof Hans Thulesius, Lund University	Prof Cecilia Björkelund, University of Gothenburg

## Published papers

In 2021, SJPHC extended the limits of its current contract and published 70 papers.

**Figure 1** presents the published papers per country and per issue. There were 18 papers from Sweden, 17 from Norway, 16 from Denmark, nine from Finland, three from Iceland and altogether seven from other countries, three from the Netherlands and one from Australia, Belgium, France, and Spain.

**Figure 1. Papers in the SJPHC in 2019 – 2021 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 2021 was 2.581 and rose for the sixth year in row. It is the highest ever for the journal. The previous top was 2.205 in 2009.

## Collaboration with the publisher and finances

The contract between SJPHC and Taylor & Francis (T&F) expired in the end of 2021, and the publisher informed us that they do not wish to continue the contract as it was. After several discussions and expert consultations, a new contract with Taylor & Francis was

signed in November 2011. Louise Hørslev, Dorthe Pedersen and Johan Sigurdsson took actively part in the negotiations with the publisher.

The new contract means that the SJPHC will get 50% of the sales income. The author processing charges will increase to 1,595€ per article and the society members will a get 30% discount. The journal will give up using the editorial system Manuscript Manager and transfer the editorial work to the system of the publisher. There will be no limits to the number of articles, and the publisher predicts the journal will grow in the coming years. This means more work to the editorial team. One option is to hire a deputy editor-in-chief to help with the workload.

In 2021, the SJPHC received EUR 63,000 as royalties from the Publisher. The economic situation in 2022 depends on the growth in the number of published articles and on how smooth the system changes will be handled.

### **Plans for the 2022**

The change of the editorial systems will take the attention of the editorial team in 2022. It has been agreed that Dr Anna Nager from Sweden will join the team as the third National editor from Sweden. The editors will give a workshop in Stavanger to teach potential new research of the collaboration with editors and journals. In Stavanger, because of the pandemic, three Papers of the Year will be presented, from 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Finally, I wish to thank the team of National and Assistant editors, the team at NFGP and our editorial assistant Pauliina Ilvespakka. Collaborating with you has been joyful and fruitful.

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