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Editor-in-Chief's report 2022

The year 2022 was challenging to the editors of Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care as the journal changed its editorial system. The editorial team met in Copenhagen in April and at the Nordic conference in Stavanger in June. Because of the pandemic and the delayed Nordic conference, a total of three Papers of the year (years 2019, 2020 and 2021) were celebrated in Stavanger. A total of 210 papers were submitted to the journal and 56 were published. The journal impact factor rose to 3.147 which is the highest ever for the journal.

Editorial team

There were changes in the editorial team. Anna Nager from Stockholm started as the third National editor for Sweden. Malene Plejdrup Hansen from Denmark stepped down from the position of Assistant Editor in Denmark and was replaced by two editors, Anna Mygind Rasmussen and Linda Huibers. In the end of the year, Anja Brænd from Oslo left the editorial board and was replaced by Torunn Bjerve Eide. Also Svein Kjosavik left the journal and he is not replaced yet. Because of changing to the Publisher's system, the assistance to the editorial work comes from the Publisher and our editorial assistant Pauliina Ilvespakka was made redundant in the end of the year.

The members of the SJPHC editorial team in the beginning of 2023 are presented in Table 1.

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

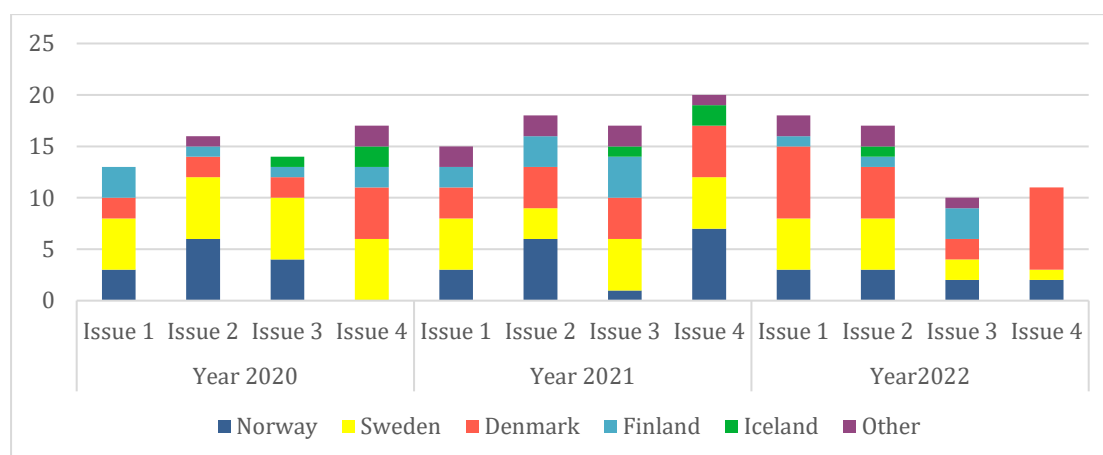
Country	National Editor	Assistant Editor
Denmark	Ass. Professor Jørgen Nexøe, University of Southern Denmark	Dr Anna Mygind Rasmussen Dr Linda Huibers, Aarhus University

Finland	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	To be nominated	Torunn Bjerve Eide, University of Oslo
Sweden	Ass Prof Hans Thulesius, Lund University	Prof Cecilia Björkelund, University of Gothenburg Ass Prof Anna Nager Karolinska Institutet

Published papers

In 2022, published 56 papers. **Figure 1** presents the published papers per country and per issue. There were 20 papers from Sweden, 12 from Norway, 14 from Denmark, five from Finland, one from Iceland and five from other countries, two from the Netherlands and one from Germany, Hungary and Israel.

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 2022 was 3.147 and rose for the seventh year in row. It is the highest ever for the journal.

Collaboration with the publisher and finances

The new between SJPHC and the publisher, Taylor & Francis (T&F) meant that the journal started using the Publisher's editorial system, ScholarOne. Although the change

was planned for the beginning of 2022, it was delayed and took place in May. There were 115 submissions in the old system, Manuscript Manager and 95 in ScholarOne in the latter part of the year. It is possible that the change diminished the number of submissions to SJPHC. More work is needed with the publisher to ensure the authors find the new system.

The new contract means that the SJPHC will get 50% of the sales income, which is less than before. The author processing charges has increased to 1,595€ per article and the society members will get 30% discount. To create the same income as before, the journal should grow. One strategy to tackle this has been nominating more editors in Sweden and Denmark, the two countries that produce the largest number of papers to the journal.

Plans for the 2023

After the changes in the editorial system and the editorial team, the journal has opportunities for renewal. One challenge is that only the editor-in-chief is paid for the work and the editors work on a voluntary basis. Earlier, they used to have university positions that allowed this kind of work, but this may not be the case longer. This, and the plans to grow, are the challenges to tackle in 2023.

Otherwise, and despite the challenges with the system change, the collaboration within the editorial team has been smooth and enjoyable. I wish to thank the team of National editors for their good work as well as the team at NFGP and our editorial assistant Pauliina Ilvespakka.

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Helena Liira
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