
Reports of meetings

Fifth meeting of impact factor journals in neuroscience

14 February 2017, Madrid, Spain

Fifth meeting of impact factor journals in neuroscience (V Reunión de Revistas de Impacto) was held in Madrid, Spain on February 14, 2017. The meeting was promoted and organised by the Spanish journal *Revista de Psiquiatría y Salud Mental* (RPSM), the Spanish Society of Psychiatry (SEP), the Spanish Society of Biological Psychiatry (SEPB), and the Spanish Foundation of Psychiatry and Mental Health (FEPSM).

Dr Julio Bobes (Editor, *Revista de Psiquiatría y Salud Mental*), Dr Ana González-Pinto (Hospital Gregorio Marañón–Madrid), Dr Miguel Bernardo (University of Barcelona, Barcelona), and Dr Miguel Roca (Universidad de las Islas Baleares, Palma) opened the meeting. In the morning, Dr Celso Arango (Hospital Gregorio Marañón, Madrid) and Dr Eduardo Vieta (Hospital Clínic, Barcelona) presented a table discussion on the current state and trend of journals with impact factor, in which Dr Andreas Meyer-Lindenberg, editor in chief of the *European Neuropsychopharmacology Journal*; Dr Paulo Brambilla, coeditor in chief of the *Journal of Affective Disorders*; and Dr Joan Marsh, deputy editor of *The Lancet Psychiatry* participated. Later in the morning a general discussion was hosted by Dr Arango and Dr Roca. After a working lunch, Dr Bobes and Dr Vieta chaired a second general discussion. Dr Bernardo and Dr Bobes then closed proceedings, before a meeting on current status and strategic planning for RPSM.

The invited speakers enlightened the audience about the challenges and nuances of scientific journals and explained the current trends in building a credible and impactful journal. They also advised on how to increase the probability of getting a manuscript accepted for publication and on the pros and cons of impact factor as a tool to measure journals' influence and social media impact. Issues that were discussed included the difficulties in finding good reviewers, and reviewers with contextual background expertise regarding country particularities. The editors of the journals also widely exposed the current mechanism for ensuring integrity of the scientific literature, such as those proposed in the Committee on Publications Ethics (COPE). ICMJE guidelines on authorship were also reviewed. Last but not least, participants insisted on the importance of training young researchers in peer reviewing, considering this task as one of the most relevant duties of competent mentors.



Dr Eduard Vieta



Dr Julio Bobes, Dr Ana González-Pinto, and Dr Miguel Bernardo were on the panel who opened the meeting.