

Editor's page

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REVISTA ESPAÑOLA DE CARDIOLOGÍA en la élite de las revistas médicas nacionales

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This “Editor's Page” describes the changes made to *Revista Española de Cardiología* (REC) and the journal's results in 2013, after the President of the Spanish Society of Cardiology (*Sociedad Española de Cardiología* [SEC]) extended the term of the current Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors for another 3 years in 2012. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the President for entrusting us with this opportunity to continue our work for the journal.

As usual, the partial results (January–September 2013) were presented to the Council and the Editorial Board and, in a shorter form, in the General Assembly of the SEC, during the last Congress of Cardiovascular Diseases held in Valencia in October, 2013. This “Editor's Page”, which we decided to publish as a year-end report, presents all the activity, editorial data, and changes made to the journal in 2013.

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO JOURNAL CONTENTS

As discussed below, major changes were made in 2013, but one of the most important was the introduction of restricted access to a maximum of 5 original articles per issue, the “Update”, and some editorials for 6 months, to reduce production costs at a time of widespread economic crisis. Access to these contents continues to be free to members of the SEC and the journal's subscribers and can be purchased individually. We are currently evaluating the impact of this initiative on financial returns, pdf downloads in Spanish and English, and—although difficult to measure directly—on the journal's impact factor (IF).¹

A NEW APP FOR REVISTA ESPAÑOLA DE CARDIOLOGÍA

After a long period of tests, an iPad app is now available for REC. This development was deemed necessary, because tablets are slowly replacing personal computers as the main route to information. Because of the obvious advantages of the former, such as their portability and the enormous range of available apps, our readers were anxious to read REC on these devices, a possibility we are pleased to be able to offer. An app for the English version will be available shortly.

CHANGES TO THE WEBSITE

The following block of changes mainly affect the journal's website.² In last year's “Editor's Page”, we listed the improvements we wanted to introduce in the digital contents and the use of new technologies, once the production of REC in Spanish and English had substantially improved.¹ The innovations outlined below mainly concern changes to the journal's home page. The reason for the redesign and optimization described in the following paragraphs was to make the website a first-line educational platform, providing rapid and easy access to the already impressive REC archive, thus giving greater visibility to many of the contents that previously went unnoticed because of insufficiently intuitive access. The work of Dr. Pablo Avanzas has been essential in developing changes that we will merely outline here, since they were partially presented in the “Editor's Page” of December 2013.³

Social Networks

In June 2013, REC launched its Twitter account (@RevEspCardiol). Since then, we have regularly tweeted news about the journal. We currently have more than 700 followers and are following another 40 accounts of cardiology or internal medicine journals and journals of scientific societies or official institutions. These data are highly preliminary and we are sure that our presence in this social network will be of interest, especially to our younger readers.

“Update”

This section of the webpage contains the teaching material of articles in the annual “Update” series and access to the accreditation test. Readers could obtain credits for the “Arrhythmias Update”, published in 2012, until the end of 2013 and will soon be able to obtain credits for the new series, “Innovation in Cardiology”, published in 2013. The “Updates” of the last 3 years are clearly visible in the right-hand menu of our website, which also provides direct access to previous series.

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Editor's Videos

Since March 2013, REC has posted an online video of an interview between the main researcher of the article chosen as the Editor's pick and one of the journal's editors. The interview highlights the methodology, results, practical implications, and future of each selected study. The videos add information on the article and provide the author's personal insights, thus helping users know why the article deserves to be read.

Blog

This section⁴ publishes news on REC and other publications, reviews of articles by Spanish authors in other high impact-factor cardiology journals, and the results of the latest clinical trials presented at the 3 most important international congresses during the year: those of the American College of Cardiology, the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), and the American Heart Association. The preliminary abstracts are available in Spanish and English 24 hours after their presentation at the congress, representing an advance of approximately 3 months on their publication in the printed edition of the journal. We believe that this is an important service for authors wishing to view data at their leisure, whether they have attended the congress or not.

Congress on Cardiovascular Diseases

The Congress on Cardiovascular Diseases of the SEC has a separate tab at the bottom right-hand corner of the home page, providing access to the pdfs of all the abstracts presented since 2010. Users can search by author or by the list of sessions. The supplements of the 2007–2009 congresses can be consulted by searching by year in the "Supplements" tab.

Image Bank

The entire archive of REC images is now available for the first time, with 290 distinct "Images in cardiology", classified by diseases/specialties. All the videos and images on our website can be downloaded and used for educational purposes. Each image has a watermark with its citation data for correct identification.

Thematic Index

We have added a direct link to the thematic Index of REC contents on the right sidebar of our webpage. This tab has 2 permanent links ("Clinical practice guidelines" and "See all"), as well as 2 further links that vary each month. This rotation system by type of article aims to facilitate access to all contents in the REC archive since 1997, amounting to more than 4000 articles.

Other Direct Links

The right sidebar of our home page now provides direct access to the documents of the Scientific Sections of the SEC that have not been published in REC but which are of interest to readers. We have also created direct links to the material of the distinct editors' forums that include REC, such as the Iberoamerican Cardiovascular Journal Editors' Network and the ESC Network.

Electronic Index and Ahead of Print Alerts

In 2013, the electronic indexes of each issue were sent out 2 to 3 days ahead of print. According to our publisher, the index was sent to more than 60 000 e-mail addresses with an open rate of 15%. This increase in dissemination has been accompanied by a greater number

of visits to our website.³ In 2013, there were more than 2.5 million visits—half a million more than in 2012 (representing a growth of 35% in the Spanish version and of 8% in the English version). Pdf downloads also showed spectacular growth: 2 783 613 in Spanish and 844 134 in English compared with 706 077 and 248 150 pdf downloads, respectively, in 2012.

As previously mentioned,^{1,3} current production of REC allows ahead of print articles to be fully published and cited through a digital object identifier (doi). To inform readers of these articles before their publication in an issue of REC, they are listed in the ahead of print alerts that are sent out weekly. From the moment these articles appear on our website, they are also included in PubMed and can be cited using their doi, giving them a longer "citable" lifespan compared with traditional print publication. Both the electronic index and the publication alert are Spanish-English bilingual.

BIBLIOMETRIC INDEXES AND MANUSCRIPT MANAGEMENT

Each year, we report the objective data on the journal in this section, with special attention to its IF. However, one of the greatest satisfactions of the Executive Editorial Board is feedback from our colleagues indicating that the journal is increasingly interesting and provides greater value to readers.

Bibliometric Indexes

In June 2013, the Institute for Scientific Information, through Journal Citation Reports, published the journal's latest IF—3.204—the highest IF ever obtained by REC. For the first time, our IF has exceeded 3, one of the "secret challenges" of the current Executive Editorial Board. The present IF is based on the number of citations made in 2012 to articles published in 2010 and 2011 divided by citable articles published in 2012. Although self-citations have increased, the figures are similar to those of 2008, and there has also been a rise in the number of external citations.

With this IF, REC continues to be in the upper part of the second quartile (2.298–3.629), ranked 38 of 122, in a year when the number of journals indexed in the group of cardiovascular journals has increased; indeed, this number has almost doubled in the last 10 years. By way of example, it is worth mentioning that the total number of publications in this group increased from 114 in 2010⁵ to 117 in 2011¹ and to 122 in 2012. First place in this classification goes to *Circulation*, *European Heart Journal*, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, and their offshoots^{6–8} (journals devoted to subspecialties with the same editorial stamp as a high-prestige journal), many of which enter Journal Citation Reports with an IF above 3.

Moreover, competition has been increased by new publication models, such as open access journals (electronic journals providing free access that often require authors to pay to have their work published).⁹ In this panorama, national scientific society journals, such as REC, are unable to—and perhaps should not—enter the fray, although, in a world as globalized as ours, it is sometimes difficult not to join the "race" to achieve an ever-higher IF.

REC aims to bear in mind other indicators of quality and scientific prestige. SCImago, for example, is another bibliometric index based on the journals available in SCOPUS, whether indexed in PubMed or not. REC has a SCImago index of 0.527, up from the previous indicator of 0.498, and continues to be the highest-ranked Spanish-language journal according to Google Scholar (Figure 2).

In summary, we are highly satisfied with the journal's position, the fruit of joint efforts, and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed, but especially the authors, for the high-quality manuscripts sent in, our reviewers for their excellent work, which we will describe more fully below, and, naturally, all those authors—especially our Spanish colleagues—who cite the journal when publishing elsewhere.

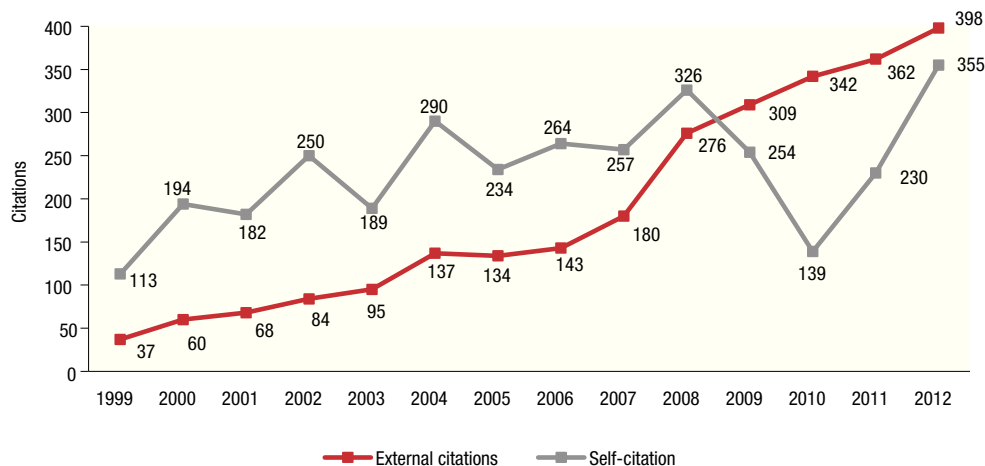


Figure 1. Trend in the number of external citations and self-citations received by *Revista Española de Cardiología*. The values express the number of citations received each year by articles published in the previous 2 years.

Google Scholar

Main Spanish-language publications

Journal	h5 Index	h5 Median
1. Revista Española de Cardiología	28	38
2. Psicothema	26	31
3. Salud Pública de México	25	30
4. International Journal of Clinical and Health Psychology	21	31
5. Archivos de bronconeumología	20	24
6. Nutrición hospitalaria	20	22
7. Revista de Educación	19	31
8. Medicina Clínica	19	28
9. Emergencias	19	26
10. Gaceta Sanitaria	19	24

Figure 2. Classification of Spanish-language publications by Google Scholar.

Manuscript Management

For much of 2012 and the first few months of 2013, the journal did not accept “Images in cardiology” for review, due to the large number

of accepted articles of this type: this explains why the total number of articles received in 2012 (670) was lower than in 2011 (752) and why the tendency in 2013 shows an increase, with 749 manuscripts received (Figure 3). A total of 24.4% of these manuscripts were submitted in English, of which 8.2% were from English-speaking countries, 52.5% were from Spain, and the remainder were from other countries. Among the latter, China is worthy of mention: in only 2 years the number of manuscripts received from this country increased from 6 (2011) to 20 (2013), making it the second country most frequently submitting manuscripts in English, after Spain. Also noteworthy was the increase in the number of original articles received—322—representing 44 more than in 2012 and making 2013 the year when the journal received the largest number of articles of this type (Figure 4).

In addition to solicited manuscripts, special articles and correspondence, in 2013, REC published 57 original articles, 72 scientific letters, and 33 images in cardiology, a much higher number than the 12 per year (1 per month) previously published, because, since 2013, we have published 3 in each issue. This change, together with ahead of print publication and the previously-mentioned decision not to accept images in cardiology for review for period, has allowed us to publish a large back-log of articles of this type that had been accepted and were awaiting publication, thus fulfilling a commitment we had made to the authors. Another novelty in 2013 was the publication—in the form of special articles—of 6 articles in the

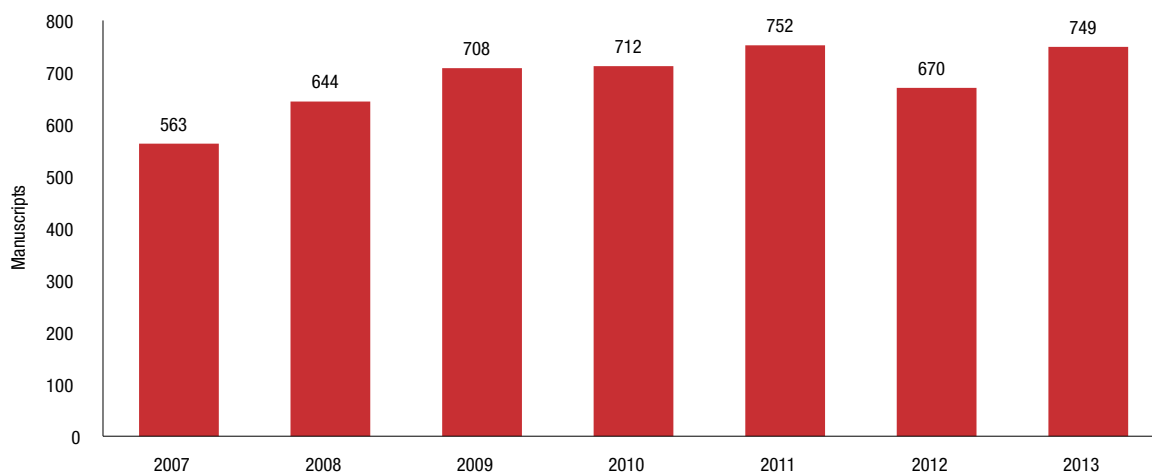


Figure 3. Number of manuscripts submitted to *Revista Española de Cardiología*.

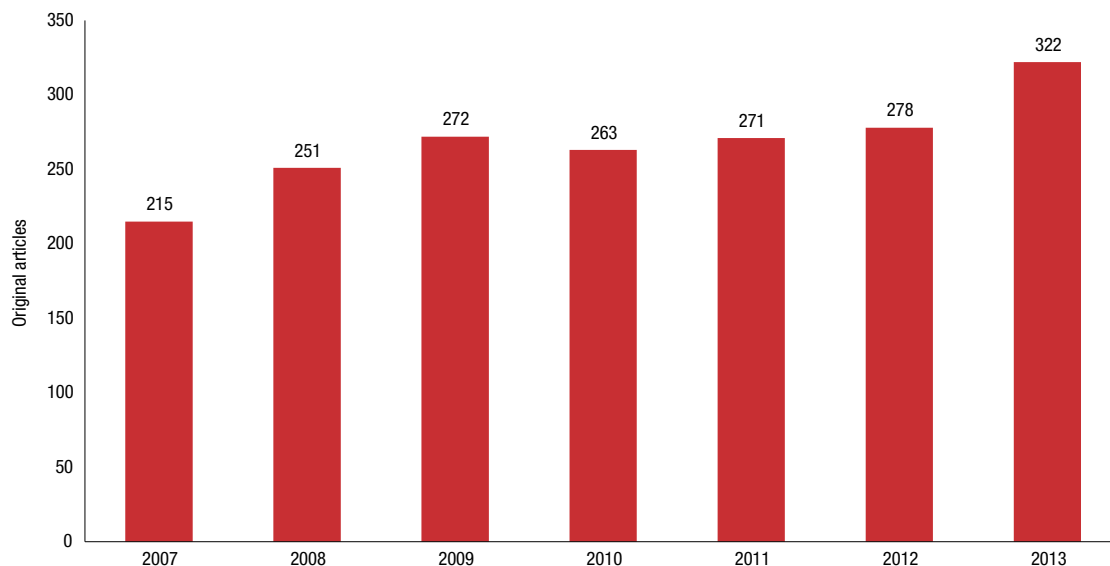


Figure 4. Total number of original articles submitted to *Revista Española de Cardiología*.

supplement “Current topics” between February and April 2013, which had previously been published as an independent issue.¹

As discussed last year,¹ we aimed to invite Spanish cardiologists to write half the editorials, so that the number of articles solicited from Spanish and overseas authors would be distributed half-and-half. In 2013, REC published 17 editorials by Spanish authors and 19 by non-Spanish authors; in the next few years, we will maintain this proportion.

At the time of publication of the present article, when 24 manuscripts of the 749 received in 2013 are awaiting a final editorial decision, the total rejection rate is 62% (compared with 66% in 2012). For original articles, the mean acceptance rate is slightly higher than that in 2012 (19%), at around 23%; currently 20 original articles are awaiting a final editorial decision.

Review Times

There is good news for review times: the mean number of days taken by reviewers for the first decision on original articles continues to be 12.1, with almost no change since last year (Figure 5). In general, for all articles of this type, the total mean time from receipt of the article until the first decision, was 14.4 days. We consider that maintaining these times—which are highly competitive and are similar to those offered by leading cardiology journals—represents a success. We would like to thank the reviewers, who work quickly and disinterestedly, for their efforts and cooperation, as well as the associate editors for their decision-making skills.

Ahead of Print Publication

The time from article acceptance to ahead of print publication in 2013 was 66 working days. Although this may seem a long period, it is difficult to shorten this interval, and we have had to work hard to reduce it by 1 day with respect to 2012. REC is a bilingual journal and the main goal of the present Executive Editorial Board was to achieve simultaneous publication in Spanish and English of the highest possible quality, a goal we achieved for the first time with the change in REC production,⁵ and thanks to the work of the translators and the invaluable dedication of our copy editors: Elaine Lilly and Gail Craigie. Our production times include time for translation and copy-editing (with little room for maneuver), and the greatest reduction would be

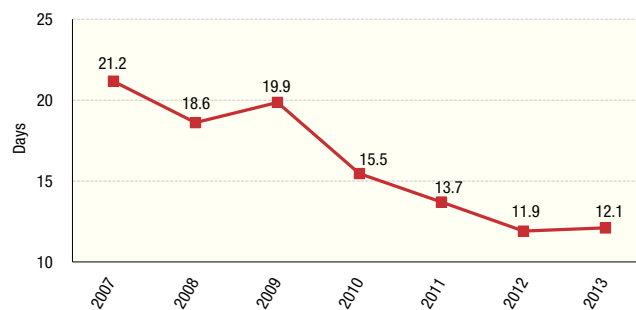


Figure 5. Mean peer-review time from article submission to the first editorial decision. Mean of the first 6 months of the year for original articles only.

achieved by speedier translations. We hope to be able to give readers good news on this issue next year

Other Editorial Innovations

In 2013, we established a maximum of 10 authors for original articles, although some exceptions can be made to this rule for multicenter studies, as long as the authors submit a prior request and justification.

Another change is that REC has joined the CrossMark initiative, and our articles will progressively incorporate an icon that can be used by readers to access information on the distinct versions of the document, thus allowing them to know whether the document they are reading is the most recent and reliable version or whether subsequent changes, updates or errata have been published that could alter the content of the work.

REVIEWERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

As previously mentioned (Figure 5), the mean time taken by reviewers to send the initial evaluation of an original article is 12.1 days, easily surpassing the goal set by the editorial board of reviewing these articles in 15 days. Reviewing a scientific article is an unscheduled task that interferes with routine work and usually falls to people who are already busy but who give their time and effort

generously in the interest of scientific progress. We would like to express our gratitude to all our reviewers: without their efforts, we would not have achieved our goal of shortening publication times. We thank all our reviewers for their commitment and generosity. As a sign of our appreciation, every year, all reviewers receive a summary their activity, with their mean review time and the number of requests to review and submitted reviews, as well as the mean for the journal, so that reviewers can compare their excellence with that of their colleagues. Moreover, our reviewers receive continuing education credit hours to compensate them for their work, the only form of material reward possible. Table 1 acknowledges the work of our “10 elite reviewers”, persons who have stood out for the number of reviews, speed in submitting them, type of article, and the quality of the review. Once again, first place goes to Juan Quiles, a place he has occupied since this initiative started in 2008. Congratulations and thank you!

Although many reviewers are members of the Editorial Board, REC also has a large number of collaborators who review articles: their work, conducted entirely behind-the-scenes, is acknowledged in Table 2. As mentioned last year,¹ being an outstanding collaborator of REC is often a step toward membership of the Editorial Board at its 3-year renewal.

PRIZES FOR BEST ARTICLES

As in 2012, this year we have awarded 2 prizes: the prize for the best article (a first and second prize chosen with the help of the Scientific Sections) and the prizes for the articles with most long- and medium-term citations (a first and second prize in each subcategory). A list of prize-winning articles, which, as in 2012, received no prize money, is given in Table 3, together with the articles awarded prizes by the Scientific Sections of the SEC, which has also continued the tendency to reduce its economic contribution.

SUPPLEMENTS, SPECIAL ISSUES, AND SPECIAL ARTICLES

In 2013, *Revista Española de Cardiología* – Supplements published 5 supplements (in Spanish only) with the following titles: “New advances in the identification of patients at risk of sudden cardiac death”,¹⁰ “Antiplatelet therapy”,¹¹ “Advances in oral anticoagulation: role of rivaroxaban”,¹² “Management of right ventricular failure after cardiomy. Therapeutic role of inhaled nitric oxide”,¹³ and “Translational cardiovascular research”.¹⁴

In 2013, the supplements section obtained a SCImago index of 0.108, in the 4th quartile of this range. Unfortunately, we have not achieved an IF for this section; the request made in 2009 was denied half way through 2013; the reason given was that supplements were not published regularly and that many issues were sponsored by industry.

As previously explained, the 6 articles published in the section “Current topics” have been renamed special articles and were published in the regular issues of REC from February to April.^{15–20} In 2013, in addition to this supplement, we also stopped publishing the yearly issue “Major problems in cardiology”.

As usual, in November and December, we published the 5 official registries of activity of the Scientific Sections of the SEC: the implantable cardioverter-defibrillator registry,²¹ the cardiac catheterization and coronary intervention registry,²² the pacemaker registry,²³ the transplantation registry,²⁴ and the catheter ablation registry.²⁵ The data provided, although mainly unaudited, constitute the best information available on the activity carried out in Spain in the corresponding settings, and have not infrequently been used to justify increasing the use of treatments that were clearly less frequently used than in neighboring countries.

As in previous years, presentations of “Late Breaking Clinical Trials”, which are uploaded almost immediately to the website (see the “Blog” section), were also published in the printed journal, but

Table 1

List of Elite Reviewers

Juan Quiles
Miguel A. Arias
Ramón López-Palop
Fernando Alfonso
Manuel Carnero
Luciano Consuegra
Manuel P. Anguita
Alberto Cordero
Isabel Coma
José M. de la Torre

with the corresponding production times. As previously mentioned, REC also published the summaries of these studies presented at the 2013 congresses of the American College of Cardiology,²⁶ the ESC,²⁷ and the American Heart Association²⁸

Special mention must be made of the commentaries on ESC clinical practice guidelines, an initiative started in 2011²⁹ and which accompanies each of the translations to Spanish of published guidelines; the topics covered in 2013 were the management of acute myocardial infarction in patients with ST-segment elevation,^{30,31} valvular heart disease,^{32,33} hypertension,^{34,35} cardiac stimulation and cardiac resynchronization therapy,^{36,37} stable ischemic heart disease,^{38,39} and diabetes mellitus.^{40,41}

The 2 educational series published by REC in 2013 were “Update: Innovation in cardiology”⁴² and “Focus: Epidemiology of cardiovascular disease in Spain in the last 20 years”.^{43–46} Credit hours for the “Update” can be obtained by using the form available on the website² and by correctly answering the questions corresponding to each section.

MONOGRAPHIC ISSUES OF THE SEC

In 2013, a new series was launched with the heading of “Monographic issues of the SEC”, with the idea of publishing important material that did not fit the format of *Revista Española de Cardiología* – Supplements. This series is published in an easy-to-manage format ((16.5 × 24 cm) and sponsorship is allowed. We are pleased to inform our readers that the first monographic issue of this type was published in 2013 with the title “Lipid control in patients at high cardiovascular risk. Current limitations and strategies to overcome them”,⁴⁷ coordinated by Dr. González-Juanatey. More projects of this type are currently underway.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF REVISTA ESPAÑOLA DE CARDIOLOGÍA

Courses

As in previous years, in 2013 the editors taught a couple of courses on how to write a good scientific article. The first was an extramural course from *La Casa del Corazón*, in Barcelona, in association with the Catalan Society of Cardiology, which coordinated all the logistics. This 8-hour course consisted of a theoretical component on good research designs and on how results should be presented concisely and in a well-structured manner in articles, and a practical component, analyzing the ethical problems of scientific publication. REC is especially vigilant in maintaining high ethical standards and believes that it is vitally important to include discussion of these issues—which are often unknown—when training authors.

The second course was held during the last Congress of Cardiovascular Diseases, in Valencia, and consisted of the third time a

Table 2

List of Contributors

Río Jorge Aguilar	Antonio García-Quintana
Rafael Aleixandre-Benavent	Paloma Gastelurrutia Soto
Luis Almenar Bonet	Juan R. Gimeno Blanes
Carlos Almería Valera	Álvaro González Rocafort
José Ramón Banegas Banegas	Teresa González-Alujas
Vicente Barriales	Susana González-Enríquez
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José Ángel Cabrera-Rodríguez	Pilar Jiménez Quevedo
Victoria Cañadas Godoy	Javier Jiménez-Candil
Rafael Carmena	María López-Gil
Amelia Carro	José López-Sendón Moreno
José A. Casasnovas Lenguas	Íñigo Lozano Martínez-Luengas
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Jaime Fernández de Bobadilla Osorio	Josep Rodés Cabau
Ignacio Fernández Lozano	Adriana Saltijeral Cerezo
Carlos Fernández-Palomeque	Violeta Sánchez
José Francisco Forteza Alberti	Damián Sánchez Quintana
Xavier Freixa	Antonio Serra Peñaranda
Rocío García Orta	Jorge Solís
José Antonio García Robles	Antonio Tello-Montoliu
José Manuel García Ruíz	Ignacio Terol Esteban
Alberto García-Lledó	David Vivas
Pablo García-Pavía	Javier Zueco Gil

workshop was given with the title “What you should know before writing a scientific article”. The session was well attended (53 participants), and the room was jam packed. In addition, the session received high feedback scores from attendees (9.21), making it one of the most highly rated sessions of the congress.

The Best of Cardiology in 2012 in the European Heart Journal and Revista Española de Cardiología

In 2013, the REC session of the congress that usually presents and discusses the best articles of the previous years was replaced by a joint session between REC and the *European Heart Journal* to

strengthen the link between the 2 journals. This session, moderated by Drs. Antoni Bayés-Genís and Thomas F. Lüscher, was also fantastically well-received (179 attendees). Drs. Fernando Alfonso, Ignacio Fernández Lozano, Gerasimos Filippatos, and José Luis Zamorano presented the best articles published in 2012 in the 2 journals and gave a general idea of the high-quality research in both publications. In the final debate, the subject of collaboration between the 2 journals was raised, a possibility that REC has spent years pursuing. We are pleased to inform our readers that the Editor-in-Chief of the *European Heart Journal* was happy to entertain a bilateral relationship with REC and promised to put this request to the ESC Board.

Table 3

Spanish Society of Cardiology Award Winning Articles in 2013

<p>1. Prizes awarded by the Spanish Society of Cardiology for articles published in <i>Revista Española de Cardiología</i></p> <p><i>1st prize</i> Jordi Estornell-Erill et al. Etiological Diagnosis of Left Ventricular Dysfunction: Computed Tomography Compared With Coronary Angiography and Cardiac Magnetic Resonance. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:517–24.</p> <p><i>2nd prize</i> Domingo Orozco-Beltran et al. Trends in Mortality From Myocardial Infarction. A Comparative Study Between Spain and the United States: 1990–2006. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:1079–85.</p>
<p>2. Prizes awarded by the Spanish Society of Cardiology for articles published in <i>Revista Española de Cardiología</i> with greatest international impact</p> <p>Long-term impact</p> <p><i>1st prize</i> Joaquim Gascón et al. Diagnosis, Management and Treatment of Chronic Chagas' Heart Disease in Areas Where <i>Trypanosoma Cruzi</i> Infection Is Not Endemic. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2007;60:285–93.</p> <p><i>2nd prize</i> Susana Sans et al. Calibrating the SCORE Cardiovascular Risk Chart for Use in Spain. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2007;60:476–85.</p> <p>Medium-term impact</p> <p><i>1st prize</i> Pablo Avanzas et al. Percutaneous Implantation of the CoreValve® Self-Expanding Aortic Valve Prosthesis in Patients With Severe Aortic Stenosis: Early Experience in Spain. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2010;63:141–8.</p> <p><i>2nd prize</i> David Martínez-Gómez. Sedentary Behavior, Adiposity, and Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Adolescents. The AFINOS Study. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2010;63:277–85.</p>
<p>3. Prize awarded by the Clinical and Outpatient Cardiology Section</p> <p><i>1st prize</i> Vivencio Barrios et al. Patients With Atrial Fibrillation in a Primary Care Setting: Val-FAAP Study. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:47–53.</p> <p><i>2nd prize</i> Xavier Borrás et al. Stable Angina in Spain and its Impact on Quality of Life. The AVANCE Registry. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:734–41.</p>
<p>4. Prize awarded by the Pediatric and Congenital Cardiopathy Section</p> <p>Alberto Mendoza et al. Fontan Operation. Hemodynamic Factors Associated With Postoperative Outcomes. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:356–62.</p>
<p>5. Prize awarded by the Ischemic Heart Disease and Coronary Units Section</p> <p>Antonio Tello-Montoliu et al. Influence of CYP2C19 Polymorphisms in Platelet Reactivity and Prognosis in an Unselected Population of Non ST Elevation Acute Coronary Syndrome. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:219–26.</p>
<p>6. Prize awarded by the Electrophysiology and Arrhythmias Section</p> <p>María Vázquez et al. Assessment of Silent Microembolism by Magnetic Resonance Imaging After Cardioversion in Atrial Fibrillation. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:139–42.</p>
<p>7. Prize awarded by the Cardiac Pacing Section</p> <p>Oscar Cano et al. Evaluation of a new standardized protocol for the perioperative management of chronically anticoagulated patients receiving implantable cardiac arrhythmia devices. <i>Heart Rhythm.</i> 2012;9:361–7.</p>
<p>8. Prize awarded by the Vascular Risk and Cardiac Rehabilitation Section</p> <p>Pilar Guallar-Castillón et al. Magnitude and Management of Hypercholesterolemia in the Adult Population of Spain, 2008–2010: The ENRICA Study. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:551–8.</p>
<p>9. GE Healthcare prize awarded for the best article on echocardiography</p> <p>María Luaces et al. Anatomical and Functional Alterations of the Heart in Morbid Obesity. Changes After Bariatric Surgery. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:14–21.</p>
<p>10. IZASA prizes awarded for articles on interventional cardiology</p> <p><i>1st prize</i> Ramón López-Palop et al. Results of Fractional Flow Reserve Measurement to Evaluate Nonculprit Coronary Artery Stenoses in Patients With Acute Coronary Syndrome. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:164–70.</p> <p><i>2nd prize</i> Joan Antoni Gómez-Hospital et al. Long-term Follow-up After Percutaneous Treatment of the Unprotected Left Main Stenosis in High Risk Patients Not Suitable for Bypass Surgery. <i>Rev Esp Cardiol.</i> 2012;65:530–7.</p>

Editorial Networks

The Network of Iberoamerican Cardiovascular Journal Editors celebrated its fifth annual meeting during the Congress of the American College of Cardiology, held in San Francisco in March 2013. The most important initiative was to award the “Prize for the Best Article” published in one of the network’s official journals. A jury of 7 members nominated by the Interamerican Society of Cardiology rated the studies presented (articles published in 2012). The prize went to the study published in *Arquivos Brasileiros de Cardiologia* by De Mello et al⁴⁸ on the contribution of a specific magnetic resonance imaging pattern to the detection of ventricular abnormalities producing severe ventricular arrhythmias. The \$1,000 prize money, jointly donated by the SEC and the Interamerican Society of Cardiology, was awarded in the Interamerican Congress of Cardiology, held in Buenos Aires in October 2013. The plan is to announce this prize annually and award it on alternate years at the (biennial) congress of the Interamerican Society of Cardiology and at the SEC congress. The other initiative currently being studied is the creation of a website for this group of journals. The proposal was made by

Elsevier, which publishes various journals within this group, and is still in the development phase. The idea is to use this website to strengthen collaboration and information exchange among journals.

Among the activity carried out by the Editors’ Network, in 2013 we posted the third edition of the Almanac initiative on our website, a collection of articles that provides a general review of topics of strong clinical interest.⁴⁹ We wish to take this opportunity to thank the journal *Heart* for their generosity in sharing this educational material among members of the group.

In 2013, we participated in the meetings of the HEART (Heart Editors Action Round Table) Group, the result of which was the publication in February 2013 of an article on the language used to describe study results.⁵⁰ We have also closely followed the activity of the Committee on Publication Ethics.⁵¹

Future Initiatives

Looking back on the achievements of 2013, we realize that we have already achieved—or are in the process of achieving—most of the goals in the strategic plan for this second period, a source of great

satisfaction. At the present moment, we consider it essential to continue to boost dissemination of the journal and its contents through Twitter and to optimize access from Smart phones (Android). We also aim to reduce the mean acceptance-to-ahead of print publication time. However, our main goal and guiding principle is to continue to produce a journal of interest to cardiologists and to maintain REC in its current preeminent position, which it so richly deserves.

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

None declared.

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