

# EJO: a new era

## Ahmed Atef

Department of ENT, Cairo University Hospital, Cairo, Egypt

Egypt J Otolaryngol 28:161  
© 2012 The Egyptian Oto - Rhino - Laryngological Society  
1012-5574

Correspondence to Ahmed Atef, Department of ENT, Cairo University Hospital, Cairo, Egypt  
e-mail: amratef@dr.com

**Received** 30 June 2012

**Accepted** 1 July 2012

**The Egyptian Journal of Otolaryngology**  
2012, 28:161

It is both my honor and pleasure to introduce to you the Egyptian Journal of Otolaryngology (EJO) in its new era after the new editorial board of the journal has taken over from the previous board. EJO is the official publication of our society (the Egyptian Society of Otolaryngology).

For more than 15 years now, EJO has been the voice of all Egyptian otolaryngologists, making it one of the oldest medical publications in the region in the field of otolaryngology, audiology, and phoniatrics. Since the new editorial board was chosen by our society board 12 months ago, major changes have been made to the EJO in both shape and content.

In total, 15 new coeditors have been added to the editorial board to help the executive editor in the editorial tasks; most of these coeditors, to whom I am truly grateful, are young colleagues representing emerging faculty staff from different universities in Egypt, army doctors as well as the Ministry of Health, and are from different branches of ENT, such as otolaryngology, audiology, and phoniatrics.

The concept of peer reviewing (that is the reviewing process is carried out by two blind reviewers and is independent and away from editorial tasks) has been implemented firmly in the reviewing process of all received manuscripts.

The concept of editorial freedom has been also implemented firmly; hence, the editor's decisions are independent of the influence of the owners of journal (The Egyptian Society of Otolaryngology and its representing board).

New chapters were added to the scientific body of the journal such as 'How I do It, book review, and case reports'. New ones like 'Resident articles and Letter to the Editor' are underway.

A new list of national, regional, and international reviewers has been added, to whom I want to express my deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks for spending their valuable time tediously reviewing our submissions. Because of their tremendous efforts and great work we are now able to finish reviewing most of our submissions according to our new standards, which are set as high as the international standards, in no longer than 3 weeks per submission.

An international publisher (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins) is now taking over all the logistics and publishing issues of the journal, raising the standards of the noneditorial aspects of the journal, such as conflicts of interest and human confidentiality tasks, and paving the way for the process of electronic submission and reviewing of articles, which we hope to be able to implement soon.

The number of issues of EJO published per year has now increased from two in the previous year to three, and we plan to publish four issues per year in the coming year, which is the minimum requirement for the journal to be cited in electronic search engines such as PubMed.

EJO has started to play an educational role in the otolaryngology community, and we were able to organize in collaboration with the ENT Department, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, the first course on 'How to write a scientific paper'. Thanks to my dear colleagues Reda Kamel, Mosad Abd-El-Aziz, and Ahmed Ragab, this course was very successful and was attended by more than 40 junior staff from all the departments in Cairo University.

---

### Acknowledgements

#### Conflicts of interest

There are no conflicts of interest.