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Table 1

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As usual, the Editorial of the first issue of each volume of the *Vojnosanititeski pregled* (VSP) is dedicated to the analysis of the work of the Editorial Staff of the Journal in the past year and plans for the future. Accordingly, the manuscripts received from the beginning of the year to, finally, December 20, 2016, as well as articles that were published in 2016, were analyzed.

In 2016 (from January 1 to December 20) we received 396 manuscripts, which is almost identical to the number of manuscripts we had received in the previous year, 2015. Of that number, 123 (31.1%) were rejected, 131 (33.1%) were accepted for publication, while the remaining 142 (35.8%) are still under review. The reasons for manuscript rejecting were usually negative opinion of the reviewers, and, then, the mismatch manuscripts to the technical requirements of the Journal, as well as their contents that are beyond the thematic framework of the VSP.

The largest number of submitted manuscripts, as in previous years was in the category Original articles (68.4) and Case reports (23.5%), followed by those from the category General reviews (3.3%), Current topics (1, 5%), Practical advices for physicians (1%), History of medicine (1%), Letters to the Editor (0.8%) and Meta-analyses (0.3%).

Analysis of submitted manuscripts in relation to the institutions of their authors, shows similar situation to that of previous years. Most of them (more than 80%) came from authors of the so-called civil academic and scientific institutions, of which about 11% from abroad, and the rest of about 17% of the authors from military medical institutions, primarily the Military Medical Academy (MMA) in Belgrade.

As it is known, any manuscript submitted for publication in the VSP, before it enters the review process, is subjected to checking to (self)plagiarism using the system CrossCheck Service (iThenticate software), which allows us to promptly recognize download larger parts of already published their own or someone else's papers without explicitly quoted sources from which the text is taken. Thanks to this, one of the submitted manuscripts was omitted from further procedures for publishing because it was determined that it is almost identical to the paper which the authors already had published in an international journal. Due to the attempt of such dishonest behavior, a decision to ban these authors from publishing in the VSP in next 5 years was made.

The number and structure of published papers in 2016 also were not significantly different compared to the past few years. A total of 186 articles in various categories were published including one Meeting report and one Book review (Table 1).

Categories and the number of articles published in the Vojnosanitetski Pregled in 2016

Category	Articles		
	n	%	
Editorial	7	3.9	
Original Article	99	53.3	
General Review	3	1.6	
Current Topic	3	1.6	
Case Report	51	27.5	
Short Communication	6	3.2	
Practical advices for the physicians	6	3.3	
Letter to the Editor	4	0.5	
History of Medicine	2	1	
In focus	2	1	
Personal opinion	1	0.5	
Meeting report	1	0.5	
Book Review	1	0.5	
Total	186	100.0	

As in earlier years, the majority of published papers were from the category Original articles (53.2%) and Case reports (27.4%), which is not surprising having in mind that many years ago, as stated above, manuscripts from these categories were the most often submitted to the Journal.

As in the case of manuscripts submitted for publication, in the case of published papers in 2016, the largest number was from civil institutions (around 54.3%), including papers by authors from abroad (7.5%), as well as joint papers by local authors from civil institutions and authors from abroad (5.4%). The rest of published papers (45.7%) referred to those of authors from military institutions. Of these, 22.6% were written by local authors only from military institutions, 21.5% were common papers by local authors from civil and military institutions, 0.6% common papers by local authors from military institutions and authors from abroad, and 1% common papers written by local authors from military and civil institutions, and authors from abroad.

The above data on published papers relate to those published in printed version of the Journal, many of which were previously e-published as Online first with DOI number (available on the website of the Journal, as well as in the Directory of Open Acces Journal (DOAJ) database, and then, according to the earlier established order, transferred to a printed issues of the Journal.

In 2016, the practice of electronic publication of accepted papers as Online first with DOI number in the so-called "raw" form was introduced, with notice that the manuscript still has to be subjected to copyediting, typesetting, language editing, professional editing and authors' review of galley proof before publishing that could affect the final version of the manuscript.

In this way we enabled immediate availability of accepted papers to readers of the Journal with the possibility of their citation, which is the maximum short time of paper publication acceptance to its publishing. On the other

hand, publishing of the paper in this way, authors can use as the proof that their paper has already been published, because it is, sometimes, a necessary condition for progress in professional and/or academic career for many of them.

Of papers that were accepted for publishing in 2016, two were found had been mostly self-plagiarized (i.e. the great parts of their contents had already been published in another journals). That is why these papers were withdrawn from further publishing processing, and their authors, like in the case of self-plagiarism discovered when submitting manuscripts, were punished by ban to publish in the VSP for next 5 years.

One of activities of the Editorial Staff of the VSP in 2016 was the full defining of all segments of the editorial policy of the journal, according to the principles of good practice in scientific publishing, and its renewed text is available on the website of the Journal. Also, the creating of the new website of the Journal, by modern design, and enriched with many contents that will be useful to our readers is currently in progress. The new website should soon be put into operation.

As before, a priority in the work of the Editorial Board and the Editorial Staff of the Journal will be raising its quality at the highest possible level, including publishing only papers with thematically actual and comprehensible contents of high quality. This is the only way to ensure greater influence of the Journal. That this is the right path tells us the value of impact factor (IF), which rises from year to year (the last IF of the VSP for 2015, awarded in mid-June 2016 amounted to 0.355, which is 21.5% more than the previous IF for 2014).

In realization of this goal we count, as earlier, on great support of our reviewers, to whom, as always, we most sincerely thank for their efforts in improving the quality of papers published in the VSP.

The names of those who were engaged in peer-reviewing manuscripts submitted for publishing in the VSP in 2016 are listed in Table 2.

Table 2

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