

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF OBSTETRIC ANESTHESIA TRAINEE FELLOW

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Created an account on Twitter.
- Handle is @IJOA_Journal.
- Email linked to account – ijoa.fellow@gmail.com.
- Followers gained since Feb 2018 – 959.
- 589 Tweets (to date 2/8/2019) with multiple interactions from the #OBanes community.
- Ran a poll “What do readers think of case reports being published in IJOA?”.
 - Essential to #OBanes 33%
 - Interesting/useful 61%
 - Never read them 5%
 - No place in the journal 1%
- Regular interaction with professionals from all over the world.
- Initiated highly scientific discussions based on publications in the journal.
- Established the journal’s presence on social media.
- Requested Elsevier to add tweetable abstracts and Twitter handles to the submission platform (in progress).

PEER REVIEW

- I have accepted to peer review 14 manuscripts (to date 2/8/2019)
 - Original articles 6
 - Case reports 8
- My reviews were appraised by the editors and the editor-in-chief. All my reviews were sent out to the authors and the feedback I received was constructive and overall positive.
- My ability to critically appraise articles has improved significantly.
- This process has prepared me to be a member of the Editorial Advisory Board.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEETINGS

- Attended two Board meetings during the Annual OAA Conferences – May 2018 (Belfast) and May 2019 (Newcastle-upon-Tyne).
- Familiarised myself with the Journal reports from the Publisher.
- Got a perspective of the more corporate background of a medical journal, including but not limited to issues around “open access”, impact factor, soft indicators of readership, etc.
- Networking with the editors and other members of the Board has been an educational experience for me.

INCREASING POPULARITY OF THE ROLE

- I wrote an essay on my involvement with IJOA and being the inaugural fellow, which got published in the OAA e-Pencil Point letter.

THE FUTURE

- Continue the active social media presence of the journal.
- Expand coverage in other popular social media platforms, such as Instagram and Facebook.
- Start online interactive sessions with the #OBanes community, such as online journal clubs, blogs, etc.
- Consider audio-visual abstracts for social media (videos, audio clips, infographics).

Finally, I would like to say what enormous pleasure and privilege it has been for me to be the inaugural fellow of International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia! I have learned a huge amount about peer reviewing process, medical publishing and how much work there is behind an article.

I would like to thank the Editor-in-Chief Mike Paech for giving me the opportunity to be part of the team and for supporting me through the process. My huge gratitude to the Editors – Nuala Lucas, Philip Popham and Carolyn Weiniger, for giving me articles to review and trusting that I would do a decent job. The feedback made me better every time (I hope...).

I will be stepping down as the inaugural IJOA Fellow in February 2020 with a slight sadness but am more than excited to join the Editorial Advisory Board and continue my work with the Journal in future.

Kind regards,

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