

Editorial Letter: Completing the Vision and Finding New Challenges

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DEAR READERS, AUTHORS, REVIEWERS, AND EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS OF ADVANCES IN COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

2022 has been prolific, leading us into 2023 which will be a turning point for ACP and our Editorial Team. However, we first wish to express once more and with the utmost sincerity our gratitude to our Editorial Board, Authors, and Reviewers. It is moving to see the generosity, insight and commitment of scientists worldwide to the idea of quality and open science.

One of our main objectives in the past years was to implement the Guidelines for Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP). We have achieved it successfully last year. Since then, we also begun incorporating the [Open Science Badges](#) in our publications. They are a simple and elegant way to promote authors who take the extra step to share their data and materials. As advertised in our previous editorial, we sought after the TOP Factor, a metric that reports to the degree of implementation of open science practices. Considering our editorial policy and our [open science statement](#), ACP was ranked, at the time of the publication of this Editorial, as the 45th out of 2105 journals listed by TOP. We are proud of what it represents as an engagement in the movement.

In accordance with our views, we also became a [Peer Community In \(PCI\)-friendly journal](#). PCI is a non-profit, scientific organization that aims to create thematic communities of researchers reviewing and recommending, for free, articles posted on preprint servers and other open-access repositories. This nicely supplements our last year's adherence to the [Peer Community in Registered Reports \(PCI RR\)](#).

We are also proud to announce that we obtained funding from the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education as part of the "Rozwój Czasopism Naukowych" program. The funds will be vital in recruiting a community manager to our staff with the hope to gain more traction online and gather more eyes on our journal. The participation in the funding program also brings us to the highest national standard, with the incorporation of ORCID numbers and improved archiving in the Polish National Library.

In the same spirit, the main course of action we decided to engage to gain more visibility was to launch special issues targeting specific communities in human psychology. We are proud to present our volume 18(4), highlighting the "The 8th International Scientific 'Conference Closer to Emotion'" organized by the employees of the Department of

Psychology of Emotions and Motivation at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. We invite you to browse the special issue and the variety of novel and valuable perspectives it presents.

Furthermore, we are finalizing the review process of the articles submitted for our ongoing special issue, "Future Directions in the Psychology of Music." In collaboration with the BRAMS (International Laboratory for Brain, Music and Sound Research), we are showcasing a collection of work that brings forth innovative ideas and novel research directions to show that music cognition remains a fascinating and dynamic field. Please look forward to this special issue later this year.

Finally, we are organizing the special issue "EEG Signal Processing in Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience" with the aim to explore how novel EEG signals analysis methods contribute to better understanding of perception and cognitive processes such as language processing, attention, memory, social cognition, and imagery. Similarly, the received submissions follow their editorial course for later publication.

Since our last update, new members have joined our editorial board. We wish to welcome Dr. Emilia Zabielska-Mendyk (Lublin, Poland), Dr. Ludmiła Zajac-Lamparska (Bydgoszcz, Poland), Dr. Valter Prpic (Bologna, Italy), and Dr. Piotr Mamcarz (Lublin, Poland). They are most welcome to the team.

Looking back at the year in numbers, we successfully published 29 articles in 2022, plus three articles in an ongoing special issue on music cognition. The number of original research articles submitted to ACP was 161, compared to 130 articles last year. Meanwhile, our acceptance rate remains consistent, from 21% in 2021 to 21.9% in 2022, demonstrating our desire to keep on carefully selecting quality science to publish. All this work is reflected by our yearly mean number of citations of articles published in the last two years that went up alongside our impact factor.

To conclude, we are aiming as a team to complete the work that was started when the new editorial team assembled in 2018. This includes bringing up to date our indexing on PubMed, revitalize our editorial board section on our new website, continue to advertise our journal on social media platforms, and to expend our visibility worldwide. We also remain devoted to being on the forefront of open science. Our Impact Factor and citation rate remain a priority as well. Ideally, we wish to attract more special issues over time and once all the aforementioned are complete, then have a good look at the new challenges ahead, offering ACP as a venue for scientists to exchange ideas and data.

We are thankful for your support and readership. ACP is an independently published enterprise. We are one of the most notable scientific journals in Poland and we continue to improve our international standing. However, none of this would be possible without you and your time, effort, and engagement. Stay passionate about science. We are always looking forward to your manuscript submissions.

Sincerely yours,

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