Impact factor for ICVTS expected in 2013

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It gives me great pleasure to announce that Interactive CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS) has been accepted for coverage in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-E) and in Current Contents/Clinical Medicine® and will be listed in Journal Citation Reports (JCRs), published yearly in June. In other words, come June 2013, ICVTS is expected to receive its first full impact factor, a value that is derived from the average number of citations in 2012 to papers published in the journal during the two preceding years, i.e. 2010 and 2011.

The fact that ICVTS is now indexed by Thomson Reuters and will receive its first full impact factor in 2013 is fantastic news and I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to this tremendous success. This also heralds a new phase in the development of ICVTS and is a big step forward in promoting the acceptance and distribution of the journal, which has been a full member of the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS) journal family since 2002.

The EACTS journal family now consists of two Thomson Reuters-ranked publications, the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS), which has recently received its highest impact factor of all time (2.550), ICVTS with an expected impact factor of 1.0 and the Multimedia Manual of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (MMCTS), an informative platform for surgical videos.

I look forward to the continued growth of the ICVTS and to a bright and promising future.