

Editorial Letter: Towards Open Science

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

We are grateful for another successful year of efficient and high-quality publishing. We wish to convey our gratitude to our team, the editorial board, authors, and reviewers and take this occasion to share our most notable achievements from last year.

The continued upholding of the best editorial standards, our professionalism and engagement, and our impact on the scientific community has been recognized. In a recent revision of the national ranking of scientific journals, ACP was upgraded to the next tier, increasing our status and prestige. We have also updated our indexing in the international [ICI World of Journals - Index Copernicus](#). This ensures that our articles, published in the Open Access model and freely available in full, will reach a wider audience. Our current goal is to gain more international visibility in order to attract more diverse and high quality articles. To secure our opportunity for growth, we made sure to stay on the pulse of funding opportunities and accordingly, we applied to the Polish ministry of higher education for a development grant opened in winter of 2021. If successful, it will allow us to expand our online presence on social media and compete with other journals on more even ground.

In that same spirit, in collaboration with international scientists, we launched an ongoing special issue entitled "[Future Directions in the Psychology of Music](#)." ACP found its voice 15 years ago with articles on musical performance published by notable scientists in the field. To celebrate this milestone, as it is the perfect time to bring the journal back to its roots, we welcome submissions of original empirical (including null finding reports) and theoretical papers on the cognitive science of music until June 30th 2022. We advertised strongly via our new Twitter account ([@AdvCognPsychol](#)) which now has reached over a hundred followers, and through the collaboration with the [BRAMS](#) (International Laboratory for Brain, Music and Sound Research).

However, our biggest accomplishment on which we can reflect proudly is the involvement of ACP in open science practices. We are now a member of the [Peer Community in Registered Reports](#) (PCI RR) RR-friendly journal. This means that we commit to publishing, without additional peer review, manuscripts which have been accepted by PCI-RR based on their registered reports. This way, we cooperate with the international scientific community to counteract a range of

problems and biases in publishing, and work towards making science fair, accessible, and transparent to all.

Furthermore, as of this new volume, we fully implement the [Guidelines for Transparency and Openness Promotion](#) (TOP), as advertised last year on our webpage. We made sure to process under the previous ruling any articles submitted prior, and we are happy to report the transition to open science in ACP is now completed. The next step for us this year is to suggest our journal to the "TOP Factor," a metric that reports the steps that a journal is taking to implement open science practices.

Finally, in our effort to continuously increase the quality and accessibility of science, we have adopted in practice the recommendations of the Canadian Institutes of Health on the use of the terminology regarding sex and gender. We believe that inclusion and fairness in language is important, especially in the scientific community, and especially in the field of psychology.

Last year we welcomed new scientists onto our editorial board. We wish to welcome Dr. Mireille Demers from the University of Moncton (Canada), Dr. Joanna Salapska-Gelleri from the Florida Gulf Coast University (USA), and Dr. Gregoire Vergotte from the University of Liverpool (United-Kingdom). We also expanded our team of technical editors by welcoming Zubin Kshitij Kumar to continue the inclusion of articles in the PubMed database.

Looking back at the year in numbers, we successfully published 29 articles in 2021. The number of original research articles submitted to ACP was 130 articles while our acceptance rate went from 24% in 2020 to 21% in 2021, demonstrating our desire to keep on carefully selecting quality science to publish.

We are thankful for your support and readership. We hope our journal inspires your scientific endeavors, and we are always looking forward to your manuscript submissions.

Sincerely yours,
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