

EDITORIAL



What will junior editors add to *Intensive Care Medicine*?

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Each month *Intensive Care Medicine* (ICM) provides a selection of high-quality publications covering all aspects of intensive care. A thorough scientific and editorial review process throughout the publication cycle guarantees its high level and has led to successive metric improvements over the last few years [1].

With the start of the 2018 school year, ICM pushes the challenge further to increase both the quality and the visibility of published articles. The editorial board of the journal is thus making a bold bet by getting younger and offering us a unique, attractive, and enriching experience by joining the ICM editorial board as “junior editors”. So far, only few medical journals have offered such an opportunity to juniors, although it allows them to get experience with the editorial teams of a prestigious journal and it may become a rewarding experience for the journal, too [2–4]. While maybe promoting the next generation of editors, ICM indeed strongly believes that involving juniors in the publishing process will add to the quality of published articles. Junior editors will indeed be able to represent and provide feedback from the perspective of younger intensivists, identify unmet needs, and highlight authors’ work in an original way.

The whys and the wherefores

From now on, the task of junior editors will be to ensure the promotion of newly published articles in ICM, to share the latest findings and bring major intensive care

articles to the attention of the greatest number of intensivists, and to ultimately improve patient care.

We, junior editors, are four young intensivists in their thirties, three men and one woman, coming from Denmark, Italy, and France, and we have been chosen for our dynamism and motivation. We are working on various clinical and translational topics, including hemodynamic, hemostasis, sepsis and antimicrobials, inflammation, and organ failure. Using the strengths from our different backgrounds, our young age along with our open-mindedness and overwhelming dynamism will allow us both to keep the essential global vision to promote all types of articles, regardless of their topic, and to deploy an astounding energy to achieve the aforementioned task.

Our potential scope of action is wide and the task facing us is multifaceted. To achieve an efficient article promotion, we will mainly use available social media platforms (Fig. 1). We will thus be able to reach the regular ICM readers, but also more occasional ones, and those who may not have access to full-text articles via a personal or an institutional subscription. As the ICM “reader target” necessarily includes junior intensivists, but not solely, we will publish regular news on different types of social media, like Facebook and Twitter. Readers will therefore be promptly informed of the new publications from one of the more influential journals in intensive care and be able to read the full article right away.

Also striving to increase the general visibility and readability of these articles, we will provide the ICM readers new visual abstracts (Fig. 1). These graphical abstracts will be meant to convey the main findings of newly published articles, by shortly and clearly summarizing the key question being addressed and stating its main outcomes. Although the reader may thus understand and better remember the key message of an article in a glance, the aim of the visual abstract is to draw the attention of

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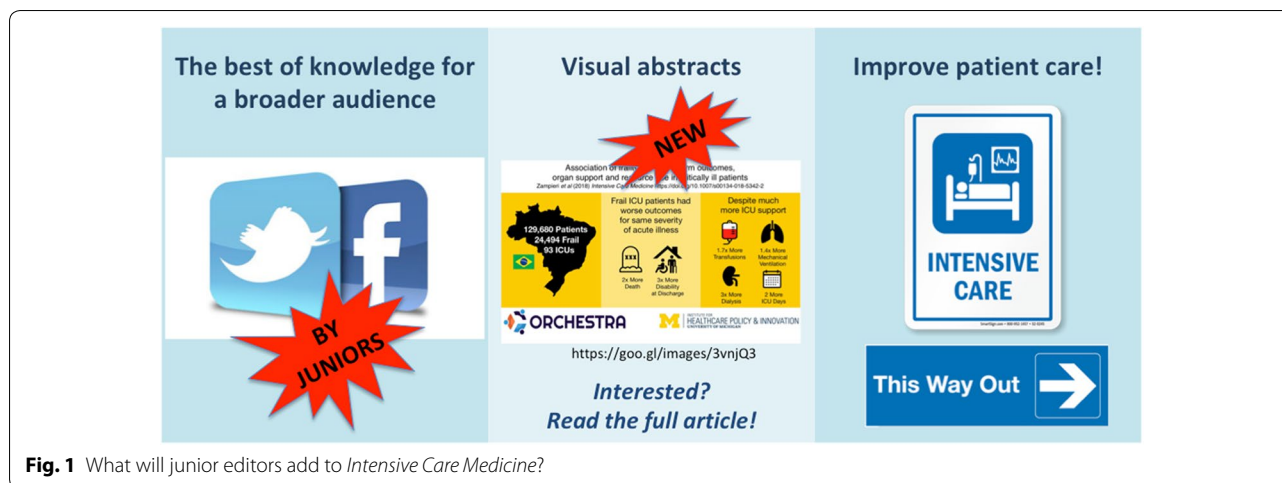


Fig. 1 What will junior editors add to *Intensive Care Medicine*?

potential readers and help them decide whether they want to proceed in reading the entire article.

The priority of ICM becomes the promotion of authors' articles and to satisfy our readers' curiosity! We, junior editors, are free to make any suggestions and to be creative and innovative. Our mission will therefore evolve over the coming months and may enrich content, for example with publication of updates on various topics as well as "pro and con" debates, publication of useful resources for authors, and the creation of a "Junior Editor Corner" on the future new ICM portal website where you will be able to find all the resources, and finally, organization of physical courses like a medical writing course for young doctors.

Do you have any ideas or suggestions? Please feel free to get in touch with us! We are now at the service of both ICM readers and authors, and will stay with you for the next three years!

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