

Editorial

The coming year 2017 is a special year for *Photosynthetica*, because we are going to celebrate 50th anniversary of the establishment of our journal. During this year, two leading figures important for the field of photosynthesis and also for our journal will celebrate their 85th birth anniversary, Prof. Govindjee and Dr. Zdeněk Šesták (passed away in 2008). Therefore, we decided to dedicate the last issue of *Photosynthetica* this year to those events. Prof. Julian Eaton-Rye has kindly accepted a role of the editor for this special issue.

Last year was another busy year for *Photosynthetica*, with some notable developments. We appreciate that our impact factor has been steadily rising during recent years. The credit for it must be claimed also by our associated editors, whose hard work has improved our standards. I would like to thank particularly to Prof. Ichiro Terashima and Prof. Jaume Flexas, who had helped us to raise a level of our articles published in the field of gas-exchange photosynthesis through difficult years and now have just finished their work for our journal. Newly introduced associated editors in this field have already started their work and reinforced this field of study in our journal. Thus, we welcome Prof. Craig E. Martin, Dr. James Bunce, Dr. Javier Gulias, and Dr. Marco Landi in our team and wish only the best manuscripts coming to us. I would like to thank also to our reviewers for their effort and work.

We really enjoyed meeting some of our associated editors and members of the editorial board during the 17th International Congress on Photosynthesis Research, which was held on August 7–12, 2016 in Maastricht, The Netherlands. We could have discussed personally some issues concerning our journal for the first time since I have become the editor-in-chief of *Photosynthetica*.

We will publish more articles this year, because the first and second issue is going to contain 200 pages instead of 160. We will probably enlarge a number of our pages to regular 200 pages per issue during next year, when some new arrangements are done with our distributor Springer. We are also introducing a new type of contributions to our journal – *Opinion paper*.

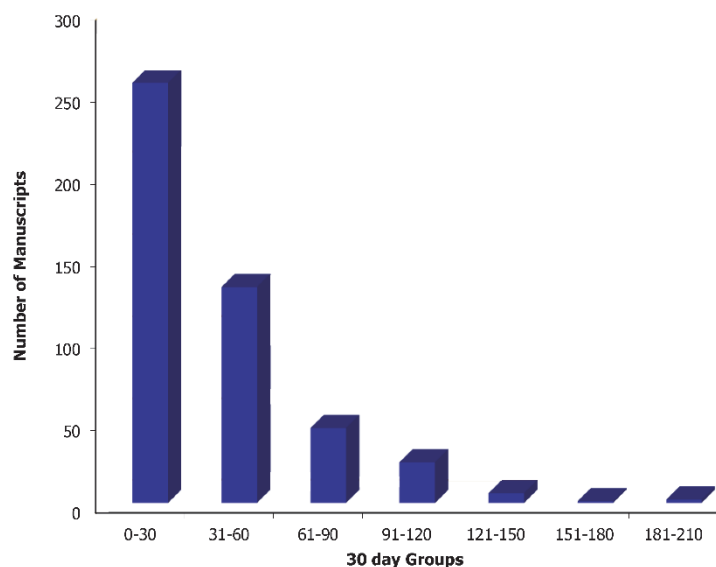
In order to keep focused on photosynthesis as the main topic and also to lower a burden on our associated editors and reviewers, we are going to evaluate more carefully manuscripts submitted from point of view of their topics. Now, many submitted articles use some photosynthetic parameters only as characteristics or side effects, but they do not bring any new knowledge concerning photosynthesis. Therefore, we will further prefer manuscripts focused on increase of our knowledge about photosynthesis as a process.

Finally, I would like to thank to our editorial staff, Ing. Ivana Štětinová and Ing. Monika Lohová, for their effort, enthusiasm, and patience to solve everyday problems of *Photosynthetica* editorial team.

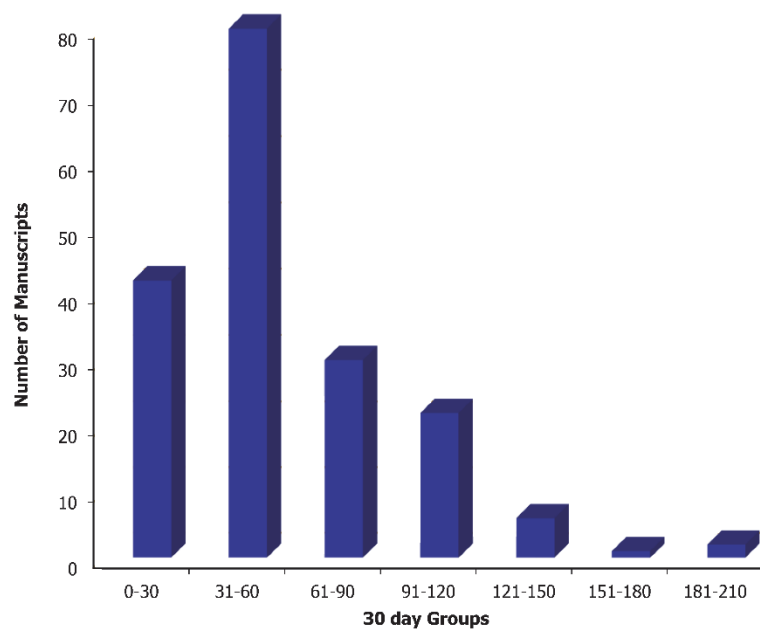
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Some statistical data from 2016

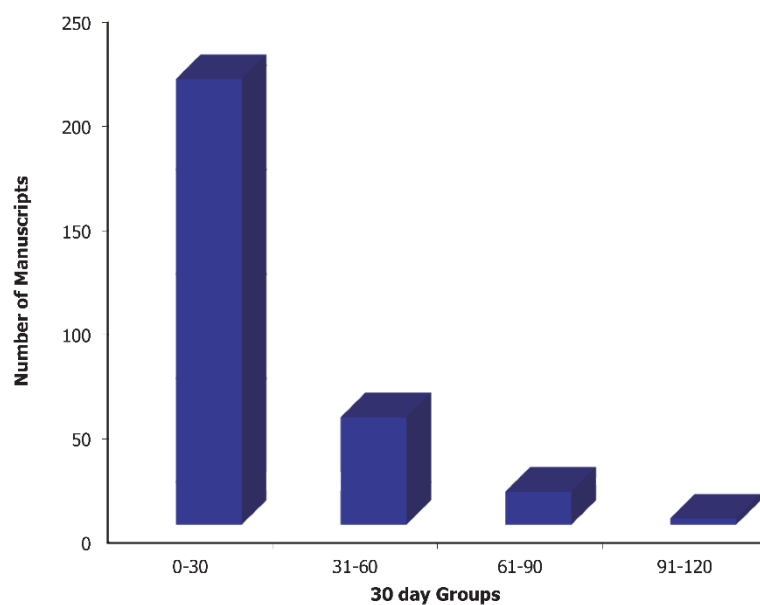
All presented data were assumed from *ScholarOne* statistical reports and concern the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.



Time from submission to decision in 2016
– originally submitted + revised papers.



Time from submission to 1st decision in 2016 – originally submitted papers.



Time from submission to decision in 2016 – revised papers.

The decision ratios [%] for originally submitted and revised papers. OP – original papers; BC – brief communications; R – reviews.

Originally submitted papers				Revised papers		
Decision	OP	BC	R	OP	BC	R
Accept	-	-	-	101	6	2
Minor revision	20	1	1	122	3	-
Major revision	73	1	2	31	-	3
Reject	75	7	2	9	1	-

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