

JOURNAL OF PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY 1985 – 2014

1985

Council began discussing the launch of a BAP Journal. A Sub-Committee, comprising Susan Iversen, Stuart Montgomery, Malcolm Lader and Eugene Paykel were charged with negotiating with a number of publishers.

Oxford University Press was subsequently chosen to publish "The Journal of the British Association for Psychopharmacology".

1987

The name of the Journal was changed to "Journal of Psychopharmacology" with the full name of the Association on the inside cover.

The first issue of the Journal was presented to the Council at the 1987 Summer Meeting.

1989

David Nutt accepted the position of Managing Editor, and received strong support from Council.



1992

The Journal appears in Current Contents for the first time.

1994 – 1995

David Nutt began negotiating with companies keen to take over the publication of the Journal from OUP.

1997

There was a significant increase in Institutional subscriptions

1999

Sponsored supplements to the Journal help to provide an income to BAP.

1986

The Membership subscription was increased from £10.00 to £20.00 per annum to help cover the cost of the quarterly journal.

The President, Susan Iversen, took the proposal to the AGM in London in April that the Journal be launched in 1987. The proposal was approved by Members.

Dr Ronnie Maggs (a previous BAP Treasurer) was appointed by Council as the first Editor.

1988

The Journal faltered, due to problems with Oxford University Press and a lack of submissions.

1990

David Nutt began his re-structuring of the Journal.

Richard Lister was enlisted as the American Editor.

The Journal would be re-launched with a wider range of articles, a new cover, larger page size and better paper quality.

1993

Martin Sarter joined as American Editor, following the untimely demise of Richard Lister

1996

BAP paid off its debt to OUP and signed a 5-year contract with Sage Publishers.

1998

Work began on making the Journal accessible electronically.

2003

A new green/blue cover was chosen for future issues of the Journal. The impact factor reached 3.173.



2006

Online publication, ahead of print, began this year. There were 5 Sponsored supplements between 2005/2006, which greatly helped the Journal finances. Serdar Dursun was appointed as Supplements Editor.

2008

A significant increase in submissions led to discussions to increase publication to 12 issues per annum.

2010

The Online submission system became fully functional. Rejection rate was 60%. A new Journal, Therapeutic Advances in Psychopharmacology, was launched by Sage. BAP appointed the Editor, Professor David Taylor.

2012

Professor Nutt instigated a triage system, whereby some papers are directed towards the Therapeutic Advances Journal. A special effort was made to increase the number of non-clinical submissions.

2007

The Journal increased to 8 issues per annum, with 112 pages per issue. Impact factor was 3.255

Three "rising stars" were appointed to the Editorial Board: Catherine Harmer, Marcus Munafò, Jeff Dalley

The contract with Sage Science was extended by 10 years.



2009

Monthly publication began. The rejection rate rose to 50%.

2011

25th Anniversary of the Journal.

Special and Themed Issues proved very popular with the membership.

2013

Acceptance rate is 40%. Submissions are usually published within 4 months of acceptance.



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