Congratulations - the 2016 Impact Factor of the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery is released!

Dear colleagues,

Together with the entire Editorial Board, we are very pleased to let you know that the EJVES 2016 Impact Factor (IF) has been released: we gratefully realize a marked raise, the IF is now **4.061**! Coming from previously 2.912, this represents an increase of 39%. That ranks EJVES now at 15\textsuperscript{th} out of 196 journals in surgery (coming from place #39), and number 1 among vascular surgery.

We are fully aware that this tremendous success is due to continuous very hard and professional work of our Editors in Chief, Ross Naylor (until October 2016) and now Philippe Kolh, assisted by our Senior Editor Florian Dick and all the Associate Editors, our dedicated editorial board, our reviewers, and all authors and co-authors. It is our greatest pleasure to thank all of you for your excellent contributions!

The visions of our Editors in Chief by reformatting our journal were a cornerstone in this development. Every published article, which was well cited within the impact factor window, has contributed to this success.

It will be up to all of us to maintain this high standard and even further increase it! Therefore, we strongly encourage all readers, scientists and vascular specialists, to submit their best research papers to the EJVES.

Let us all continue the success of our European Society for Vascular Surgery – together!

With kind regards,

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