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Adolfo Maria Tambella

*PLOS ONE* Academic Editor (2018)  
February 2019

Dear Dr. Tambella,

We at PLOS and *PLOS ONE* want to thank you for your service to our journal and your research community as an Editor for *PLOS ONE* in 2018. We're grateful for your generous contributions of time, expertise, and effort that help us make rigorously peer-reviewed science open and available to all. Your work has helped us continue to grow our journal community with meaningful and impactful research. Simply put, we couldn't do it without you!

We're excited to share developments in the journal over the past year with you. [As I've highlighted earlier](#), our focus at *PLOS ONE* in these past months has been to improve the operation of the journal, with the aim to provide a better service to our authors and to support the work of our Academic Editors. We have therefore expanded our Editorial Board by more than 3,000 vetted and qualified new Academic Editors, to strengthen the Editorial Board in areas where we were missing expertise. This has already resulted in considerable performance improvements as we are now able to assign submitted manuscripts to an Academic Editor more consistently and also faster. Over the past few months, our median time to first decision after review has improved by a week, and now stands at around 44 days. Further work to improve journal operations is ongoing.

## PLOS ONE 2018 STATISTICS

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55+  
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# 96 Press Releases

There is other exciting news from PLOS. Last May, we were excited to [launch a new service](#) across PLOS journals that allows authors to post their manuscripts to [bioRxiv](#) through our submission system. In providing this opportunity to authors, we hope to drive early sharing of research and scientific discourse on results, and we strongly encourage our editors to consider substantive comments on preprints during the peer review process.

Looking forward, [we've committed](#) to supporting and implementing published peer review options to our authors and reviewers. We believe publishing peer review is fundamental to elevating peer review reports as recognized scholarly outputs, and we plan to assign DOIs to published peer reviews so they can be cited as a part of reviewers' published body of work. We'll be introducing this service early this year, and are excited to continue driving transparency in science.

To recognize and thank you for your work and assistance in 2018, we've published a Reviewer and Editorial Board Thank You article in *PLOS ONE*. We encourage you to share the article across your channels and social media to highlight your contributions to the successes of the journal.

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We also want to offer you a formal letter summarizing your position and contributions to the journal. [Please get in touch with us](#) if you are interested in receiving a letter and we'll provide you with one. In the meantime, you'll also find your name listed on our [Editorial Board page](#).

We will also be offering a limited number of *PLOS ONE* umbrellas to our Editors out our conference booths. If you see us at a conference stop by to let us know you're an Editor to receive an umbrella!

Thank you again for your work for *PLOS ONE*, and we welcome any feedback you have for us.

Many thanks,



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