EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES™

2015 Year in Review
The Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) journal marked its 21st year of publication in 2015. Established in 1995, EID has steadfastly promoted the recognition of new and reemerging infectious diseases around the world and published thousands of peer-reviewed articles that discuss factors involved in disease emergence, prevention, and eradication.

EID communicates timely and relevant public health information from the field so that prevention and control measures can be implemented without delay. We are proud that EID continues to be one of the few open access, peer-reviewed journals available both online and in print with no charge to authors or reviewers.

This document, Emerging Infectious Diseases: 2015 Year in Review, provides an overview of EID’s key achievements during the year. A few key metrics demonstrate how well the journal reaches its core audiences:

- EID’s 2015 ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) impact factor of 6.75 ranked it third among the nearly 80 infectious disease journals that ISI tracks and first among open-access journals.
- EID received 2,120 submissions during 2015, topping its previous high of 2,070 for 2010.
- The journal’s online page views continue to climb, totaling nearly 4 million for 2015.
- EID engages a wide audience on many platforms including podcasts, CME quizzes, and Twitter.

If you have ideas or feedback about this document or about the journal, please let us know at eideditor@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,
D. Peter Drotman
Editor-in-Chief, Emerging Infectious Diseases

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**2015 Reviewers**

Emerging Infectious Diseases thanks its reviewers for their support through thoughtful, thorough, and timely reviews in 2015.

See the list of 1,532 reviewers at http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/page/reviewers

If you are interested in becoming a reviewer, send a CV and list of key words to the journal at eideditor@cdc.gov
## Year in Review

### Metrics

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### Circulation

- **EID website:** 3,938,573
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### Submissions and Acceptance

EID receives over 2,000 manuscripts annually, with an acceptance rate of 25%. EID received 2,120 manuscripts in 2015, an all-time high.

### Google Scholar h-Index

- **Epidemiology:** 3rd of top 20 publications, 2nd among open-access journals
- **Communicable Diseases:** 9th among top 20 publications, 1st among open-access journals

### CME Quizzes

- Total number of completed CME quizzes for 2015: 29,075

### Full Text Content

Full text content is available in PubMed Central, CrossRef, and LinkOut.

### PubMed

- Total citations for 2015: 81,883

### Twitter

- 1,510 followers with 576 followers added in 2015

### 2014 Impact Factor

**Journal Citation Reports, 2015**

- 2014 Impact Factor: 6.75
- Ranked 3rd out of 80 infectious disease journals and 1st among open-access infectious disease journals
2015 Achievements

20-Year Timeline
EID’s celebrated its 20-year anniversary throughout 2015, creating an online timeline that captures the highlights of the last 20 years. The timeline has 21 milestones, each with a story and links to EID information, including historical documents, photos, and podcasts.

ICEID
EID collaborated with staff from NCEZID and from the Office of Infectious Diseases to publish online the 480-page International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases 2015 Poster and Oral Presentation Abstracts.

Peter Drotman, EID Editor-in-Chief, and Larry Madoff, Editor of ProMed, convened the panel discussion “Global Tour of EIDs” at ICEID, which also featured EID Associate Editors Paul Effler, David Freedman, and Nina Marano, and Ines Steffens, Editor-in-Chief of Eurosurveillance.

EID staff worked with NCEZID’s communications office to coordinate social media messaging from the conference and operated a booth at the conference, allowing staff to interact with attendees, share print copies of EID, and sign up subscribers.

EIP 20-year Anniversary
EID worked with guest associate editors Ruth Lynfield and William Schaffner to publish an Emerging Infections Program theme issue, which included 22 peer-reviewed articles on the 20th anniversary of this important CDC program. Journal staff also coordinated printing and delivery of print copies for CDC’s 10 EIP partners, additional CDC staff, and others affiliated with the Emerging Infections Program.

Podcasts
EID added 14 new podcasts to its growing collection of more than 120 podcasts. EID podcasts had more than 2 million views in 2015.

Spotlight Collections
EID created Spotlight web pages for Zika, Ebola, MERS, pneumonia, rabies, and HIV/AIDS that make it easier for readers to find focused content by including all of the EID articles and podcasts on those topics in one place.
2015 Achievements

World Health Days
EID highlighted 8 World Health Days in 2015. These include TB, immunization, malaria, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS and World Health Day, pneumonia, and rabies. World Health Days pages highlight articles and podcasts on these globally important topics.

New EID Shortcut Icon
Because more people are accessing EID’s content by way of mobile platforms, we added instructions on the EID website for how to bookmark the site and place an icon on your device’s desktop for quick access to the journal.

Altmetric
EID articles are now tracked by way of Altmetric, which differs from citation-based metrics, such as impact factor and Google Scholar. It instead includes citations and mentions in policy documents, on sites such as Wikipedia, discussions on research blogs, mentions in media coverage, bookmarks on Mendeley, and mentions on Twitter and Facebook. Click on the colorful badges in the right margin of the article to see data. Badges only show for articles with a score of 3 or higher.

Award
EID was presented with the Director’s Recognition Award for the third quarter of 2015 by the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. The journal staff was recognized for exemplary team performance publishing a special EID issue to coincide with the 20th anniversary of CDC’s Emerging Infections Program and successful collaborative activities for the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases.

Social Media

EID Podcasts  flickr  Instagram  Pinterest  twitter

http://go.usa.gov/cwmzG
20-Year Timeline

History Was Made
The first issue of the Emerging Infectious Diseases journal launched in February of 1995 -- 20 years ago next month. Click here to see the CDC/NCID Focus announcement of this historic event.

EID: Celebrating 20 Years of Publication
This February marks the 20th anniversary of the first issue of Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID). The mission of the monthly print and online, open access, peer-reviewed CDC journal has remained the same over the past two decades.

Color Was Arrived
Color and a graphic image were added to EID journal covers after two years of publication. Previous covers were merely grey and white table of contents. Founding EID managing editor, Polyxeni Potter, said "I knew that we had to do better with the cover of the journal—make it more attractive and interesting so that readers would recognize it and pick it up."

Emerging Infectious Diseases: Microbial Threats to Health in the United States
In the early 1990s, Joshua Lederberg was a champion and advocate for emerging infectious diseases. He strongly believed that a need existed for a vigorous CDC response. With this goal in mind, he met with leadership at CDC and co-chaired one of the first meetings in the early 1990s to strategize on how to meet these needs.

March, 1998, CDC partners with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, the American Society for Microbiology, and the National Foundation for CDC along with 62 other cosponsors, to convene the inaugural International Conference on Emerging and Infectious Diseases.

Emerging Infectious Diseases journal 2015 Impact Factor is 6.75 It's ranked 3rd out of 78 infectious disease journals.

EID Exhibited
"We were so proud of the journal," says Polyxeni Potter, retired founding managing editor of EID. We met with the director of printing services, who listened to us patiently; then, with a dramatic gesture, took our sample issue and threw it in the wastebasket.

Dr. D. Peter Drotman, editor-in-chief of the Emerging Infectious Diseases journal, is talking with Dr. James Hughes, professor of medicine and public health at Emory University. Dr. Hughes was, for many years, the director of the National Center for Infectious Diseases at CDC. They discuss the 20-year history of the EID journal in this podcast.

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The October 1999 article is the most cited article in the history of EID.

In 2015, volume 1, issue number 3, the EID journal published a commentary by Anthony Sanchez, Thomas Ksiazek, Pierre Rollin, Clarence Peters, Stuart Nichol, Ali Khan, and Brian Mahy on the Reemergence of Ebola Virus in Africa. Since then the journal has published more than 35 more articles and 2 podcasts.

Etymology—a new EID section added in 2005
Etymology is concerned with the origins of words, how they have evolved over time, and how they have been translated from one language to another.

Dr. David Morens and Dr. Jeffrey Taubenberger reviewed all of the research of the authors, January 2016 H1N1 influenza issue and its relevance in 2015.

2015 is the 20th anniversary of CDC's Emerging Infections Program (EIP) as well as the 20-year anniversary of the Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.

Beginning with the development of podcasts in 2007, EID expanded its content delivery as well as its delivery reach.

Dr. Peter Drotman
Emerging Infectious Diseases’ December issue is dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the journal. In December 2008, in honor of the 20th anniversary, EID became the leader in open-access infectious disease journals.

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