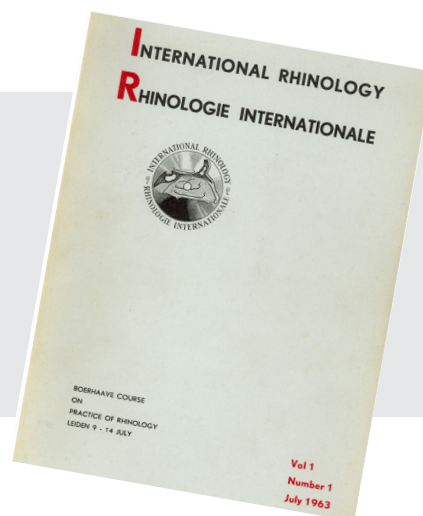


The Journal 'Rhinology' 50 years

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This year, the journal *Rhinology* celebrates its 50th anniversary! In the autumn of 1963 its first issue appeared in Leiden in the Netherlands. It was a book of no less than 216 pages containing 47 lectures presented at the Boerhaave Course 'Practice of Rhinology' given at Leiden University Hospital in July that year. "What is the destiny of such a book..." wrote Prof. Ewout Van Dishoeck in his introduction. He was aware of the fate of so-called Congress Proceedings. They disappear in the private libraries of the congress participants and they are not accessible to other researchers and clinicians as they usually cannot be found in the university libraries.

Therefore, Van Dishoeck decided, the most important lectures read at congresses should be published as articles in a regular journal. This was why he started the journal 'International Rhinology-Rhinologie Internationale', a bilingual periodical that accepted papers in English and French.

In the first issue, articles of well-known rhinologists of the time were published, among them Sir Victor Negus (London), Prof. Cottle (Chicago), Prof. Hamberger (Stockholm), Prof. Gusic (Zagreb), Dr. Majer (Vienna), Dr. Naumann (Berlin), Dr. Hinderer (Pittsburgh), Dr. Golding Wood (UK), Prof. Gignoux (Lyon), Dr. Flottes (Toulon), Dr. Rosen (Jerusalem) and Dr. Altman (Haifa). The price of Volume 1 was NLG 30,- (about €14,-).

The next volumes of the new journal would appear in 1964 (80 pages) and in 1965 (136 pages), the latter one with papers presented at the 1st congress of the European Rhinologic Society at Leiden in July 1964. As Van Dishoeck 'chef de clinique' I had the privilege to witness the birth and steady growth of this newcomer in the field of ORL.

In 1965, the journal was made the 'official organ' of the International Rhinologic Society (IRS) that was founded in Kyoto in October 1965 by the representatives of the American (ARS), the European (ERS) and the Japanese Rhinologic Society (JRS).

In June 1970, Van Dishoeck passed away and the IRS appointed Egbert H. Huizing as Editor-in-Chief. Under his directorship, the journal underwent several major changes as to form and contents and became a quarterly appearing periodical with a circulation of 2250. In 2004, he was succeeded by Valerie J. Lund of London and Wytse J. Fokkens of Amsterdam who very successfully further increased the scientific level of the journal.