

Editorial

## **New Developments for *Crisis*: Hogrefe's New "Open Access" Program and Six Issues per Year**

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### **Editor's Statement**

Diego De Leo

In this issue's editorial, I would like to share two important developments concerning *Crisis* with you: First, our publisher's new, optional open access program; and secondly, our journal's move to publishing 6 issues per year.

*Crisis* is available in print or online at more than 2,500 institutions worldwide, and thus already has a potential readership that can access its content via institutional subscriptions or site licenses of around 20 million (according to the publisher's latest estimates). Of course any interested individual or institution can also purchase a subscription or even online access to any single paper published in *Crisis* as well.

However, some authors prefer for research papers they have written to be made available online completely free of any access restrictions – and some research funding bodies are also starting to both mandate and to fund so-called "open access" publication.

Since *Crisis* wants to be open to all authors, including those whose institutions and funding bodies require open-access publication, I am pleased that our publisher is announcing below an option that will allow exactly this – *Crisis* is really open to all who are concerned with suicide and suicide prevention.

Secondly, I am delighted also to announce that the number and quality of papers submitted to the journal has developed in such a positive way that the editors, the International Association of Suicide Prevention, and the publisher all agreed that *Crisis* should, starting next year, publish 6 issues per year instead of 4. I trust that readers and authors will agree that this is a very welcome development.

### **Publisher's Statement**

G.-Jürgen Hogrefe

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had an open mind about how the information and research that we publish can be disseminated. In keeping with this, and with the increasing interest of the academic community in open access publishing models, I am pleased to announce that we can now offer authors of papers that have been accepted for publication in any of our journals a choice:

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