From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to *JRRD* reviewers

The *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development* (*JRRD*) has accomplished much in 2009, but we must start by thanking the 359 reviewers and the wonderful members of the *JRRD* Editorial Board who volunteer their time and knowledge to review each submission. *JRRD* production would not be possible without their support and enthusiasm. As always, we also thank our readership for their continued support over the past years and into 2010.

JRRD has continued to implement new editorial policies to enhance transparency in research and maintain quality standards. First mentioned in a *JRRD* guest editorial [1], these new editorial policies are now available on the *JRRD* Web site at http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/policy09.pdf/. They cover such topics as—

- Guidelines for contributors.
- Plagiarism and fabrication.
- Conflicts of interest.
- Instructions to reviewers.
- Clinical practice guidelines.
- Specific author contributions.

We are aware of the current trend of ghostwriting in scientific journals (as described in *Nature* [2]); however, we do not feel that this is a significant problem for *JRRD* because of a lack of industry funding for most submitted articles. We are also currently looking into ways to detect plagiarism in submissions and anticipate using an integration of CrossCheck and iThenticate (powered by ScholarOne) within the coming year.

The face of scientific publishing is changing once again, and *JRRD* continues to strive to be in the forefront of new ideas and technologies. We assist researchers by including in every published article value-added data, such as digital object identifiers and PubMed identifiers, and organizing Web site views through *JRRD* Topic Clusters and the "*JRRD* at a Glance" front matter section. A recent article in *Science* stated that "[scientists] use indexing and citations as indicators of relevance, abstracts and literature reviews as surrogates for full papers, and social networks of colleagues and graduate students as personal alerting services. The aim is to move rapidly through the literature to assess and exploit content with as little actual reading as possible" [3]. *JRRD* is actively looking to incorporate Web-based tools into the scientific conversation through RSS feeds, social networking, and online video, which we hope will be available on our Web site soon.

Currently, the *JRRD* Web site (http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/jourindx.html) is up and active, with a robust search engine cataloged by the Department of Veterans Affairs. All legacy material dating back to the 1964 inaugural issue is available for download. We have 5,200 articles and over 30,000 pages! We are also investigating DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) for permanent archive of all articles to avoid a hiatus if Web site problems occur. We predict over 5 million downloads of articles in PDF and HTML format for 2010.

JRRD has had one of its most successful years and is looking forward to an even better year in 2010. The journal currently has over 2,500 hard copy subscribers and 3,100 eAlert subscribers, and we distributed journal and outreach materials to five meetings and conferences last year. In 2008, we achieved our highest impact factor since *JRRD*'s inception, garnering approximately 1,800 citations. We expect to exceed this total for 2009. Finally, *JRRD* is proud to announce new concerted efforts in "going green." The hard copy journal is printed by an FSC (Forest Stewardship

Council) Certified Printer, which means that all paper is sourced from a sustainable managed forest and the facility is powered by 50 percent wind energy. We are also endeavoring to reduce hard copy printing by promoting our open-access Web site and maintaining an updated mailing list.

Thank you to all who volunteer your time and expertise to keep *JRRD* excellent. We hope to continue to expand these relationships and cultivate new ones. As always, we welcome your input. Thank you.

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