

The *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development* (*JRRD*) has accomplished much in the past year, but we must start by thanking the 527 reviewers who volunteered their time and knowledge to review each article submission.

We hope you enjoyed our 50th anniversary celebration this past year as much as we did. Our “Then & Now” feature was a success, and all past articles and the accompanying commentary are still available on the *JRRD* Web site. In Volume 51 this year, *JRRD* is expanding to include 14 scientific articles per issue. In addition, our goal is to have all newly accepted *JRRD* articles uploaded to PubMed Central by the end of 2014.

We encourage all researchers to sign up and use an ORCID or ResearcherID so that published articles and products can be attributed to the correct author(s).

ORCID/ResearcherID attributes will become increasingly important as scientific/technical/medical (STM) journals fulfill the U.S. Government Office of Science and Technology Policy mandate that all publications receiving any type of Federal funding become available to the public within a prescribed time after publication. *JRRD*, as a gold open-access journal, fulfills that mandate but will also participate in the Clearinghouse for the Open Research of the United States (CHORUS). CHORUS utilizes several publishing tools including CrossRef and FundRef, both based on the digital object identifier (DOI) combined with the ORCID/ResearcherID to facilitate access to STM peer-reviewed publications reporting on Federally funded research. FundRef will allow interested individuals or any funder to track funding expenditures, correlate funding with scholarly output, and identify what funders specifically contribute to specific areas of research. *JRRD* has long associated all articles with DOIs and expects to begin utilizing the FundRef registry of standardized taxonomic funder names by mid-2014. Look for this exciting value-added component as new articles come online in 2015!

Along with other journals, *JRRD* is embarking on an exciting new initiative to improve the quality of rehabilitation and disability research. While there has been an increase in the volume of research, the quality of submissions is not always what it should be. Reporting guidelines exist for nearly every type of research paper (from structured interview to randomized trial) and are available through the Equator Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of medical research. Using these guidelines can help authors report methods and results appropriately and will help in the review process. In addition, as rehabilitation researchers become more familiar with the guideline requirements, they will begin to design their studies more appropriately. Later this year,

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JRRD will publish a comprehensive editorial with more information, along with updated submission instructions for our authors. By becoming a signatory on the editorial, *JRRD* agrees to take a more aggressive stance on the use of reporting guidelines, including requiring a specific reporting checklist from all appropriate manuscripts submitted to *JRRD*. Our intent is to ensure that all manuscripts contain key elements to give a clear account of a study's methods and results, not to be an administrative burden, but to assist authors in constructing their articles more completely. Reporting guidelines will ultimately allow all articles to achieve their full research potential.

As a reminder, *JRRD* follows the Committee on Publication Ethics's (COPE's) publishing guidelines. We are pleased to announce that there has been a dramatic decrease in instances of plagiarism (both self-plagiarism and other) in submissions to *JRRD*. We continue to encourage all authors to run their articles through plagiarism checkers before submission to any scientific journal. For more information, please see “The perils of copy and paste: Plagiarism in scientific publishing” in *JRRD* Volume 49, Number 8 (<http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/2012/498/pdf/horrom498.pdf>).

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In 2013, the *JRRD* Web site (<http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jrrd>) reached 9.4 million total article downloads. The Web site was accessed from 196 countries, and on average, people spend over an hour per visit. Help us hit 10 million downloads in 2014! Also, the look of our Web site will change in the upcoming year due to a Veterans Health Administration-mandated template change. We are excited about the improvements this will bring to accessibility for and communication with our readers.

In the offline world, *JRRD* will be moving physical offices sometime during 2014 to another building in downtown Baltimore. We apologize in advance if this causes a slight delay in publication between issues at some point. All staff members will maintain their current email addresses, and there will be no loss of electronic contact at any time. In fact, all staff members will continue to work on publication as much as possible during the time of the move. We will announce

our new physical address on the *JRRD* Web site as soon as it is confirmed.

Remember that *JRRD* is very active in social media and that we encourage our readers to follow and interact with us. We can be found on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/jrrdjournal>) and Twitter (@jrrdeditor).

Again, we deeply appreciate all who volunteer their time and expertise to continue to keep *JRRD* excellent. We hope that the relationships we have cultivated will continue expand. As always, we welcome your input. Thank you.

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