

DR. STACIEANN C. YUHASZ—A FAREWELL

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In this issue, Dr. Stacieann C. Yuhasz, PhD, reflects on the considerable progress made by the *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development (JRRD)* over its 50-year history. For nearly a quarter of that time, Dr. Yuhasz has served as Editor of *JRRD*, providing both administrative and scientific direction. It is impossible to overstate the significance of her leadership. From an administrative perspective, *JRRD* functions smoothly. From a scientific perspective, it continues to expand in scope, quality, and influence. As Dr. Yuhasz notes in her editorial, *JRRD* is read in over 200 countries; it has provided leadership to the scientific community by instituting open access before open access was popular. Under Dr. Yuhasz's leadership, the total number of citations to *JRRD* has tripled, and the number of citations per published article has more than doubled. The result is that work published in *JRRD* has a significantly greater effect on the direction of scientific research than it did when she took the *JRRD* reins. Over the long term, this increased scientific impact will result in a higher quality of care and quality of life for Veterans and non-Veterans alike. While Dr. Yuhasz has kept the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs—caring for Veterans and servicemembers—in the forefront, she has recognized the importance of research involving non-Veterans for forwarding this mission. The result is a publication of which the Department of Veterans Affairs is justifiably proud.

The Office of Research and Development, sponsor of *JRRD*, thanks Dr. Yuhasz for her 12 years of exceptional service to the journal. Dr. Yuhasz's commitment, creativity, and energy advanced the quality and reach of *JRRD*. Because of her endeavors, *JRRD* is a vibrant publication that you and the Department of Veterans Affairs have come to rely upon for the dissemination of current discoveries in rehabilitation. We thank and deeply appreciate Dr. Yuhasz for her service to the nation's Veterans and wish her well in her future endeavors. She will be missed.

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