

From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to *JRRD* reviewers



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The *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development (JRRD)* has accomplished much in the past year, but we must start by thanking the 439 reviewers who volunteered their time and knowledge to review each article submission.

The *JRRD* Web site is currently offline for construction and improvement, and we are working hard to have access available again as soon as possible. However, journal production remains on schedule and articles may still be submitted and reviewed through Manuscript Central (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jrrd>) because service has not been interrupted there. We are also pleased to announce that 2007 was another record-breaking year for the *JRRD* Web site, with more than 3.7 million downloads on six continents.

We launched a readership survey in 2007 to gather information on how well *JRRD* meets the needs of authors, readers, and reviewers. In comparison to other rehabilitation research journals, more than 80 percent of responders rated *JRRD* as “Good to Excellent” in the categories of scientific credibility, critical application, visual appeal, online access, and single-topic issues. The majority also indicated that they accessed *JRRD* through its Web site several times a year. Open-ended responses were mostly positive, with requests to increase the scope of covered topics, along with much encouragement to keep up the good work of the past.

JRRD continues to set trends in scientific publishing worldwide. After the introduction of our “*JRRD* at a Glance” section, *Science* created an “Authors’ Summary” section for their own technical articles to make information more accessible to lay readers. We wish *Science* as much success as we have found since implementing that feature!

In 2007, *JRRD* featured single-topic issues on spinal cord injury (SCI), pain and pain management, psychosocial rehabilitation, and traumatic brain injury (TBI) and polytrauma, all of which were well received within the rehabilitation community. For 2008, we plan to cover such issues as SCI and stroke exercise rehabilitation, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), fall prevention, cochlear implants, and cutting-edge prosthetic and orthotic technology. These topics are especially timely with the creation of congressionally mandated Department of Defense research programs investigating TBI and PTSD, in which Department of Veterans Affairs investigators are involved.

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 to expand. As always, we welcome your input. Thank you.

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