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From the Editor's Desk

Thank you to *JRRD* reviewers

Another successful year has passed for the *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development (JRRD)*, and we are looking forward to 2013. We could not have accomplished this without the support of our authors, readers, and reviewers. We would especially like to thank the members of our Editorial Board and the 521 reviewers who dedicated their time, knowledge, and energy toward reviewing each submission and ensuring the continued quality of our content.

This year, *JRRD* will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with the *Then & Now* project. In this issue, we will revisit an editorial from 1965 and Dr. Lucille Beck, Chief Consultant, Office of Rehabilitation Services, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, will comment on 65 years of progress at the VA Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service. Each issue of volume 50 will also feature highlights from early articles of the *Bulletin of Prosthetics Research* with commentary by either past or current specialists in that field.

Over the past 2 years, *JRRD* has published single-topic issues on the road ahead for rehabilitation robotics, upper-limb prosthetics, posttraumatic stress disorder clinical guidelines, and sensory and communication disorders in traumatic brain injury. We have also featured single-topic sections on wound care practice, wheelchair engineering, and outcome measures in rehabilitation. This year, look for a single-topic issue on outcome measures for veterans with lower-limb loss.

As part of our “Going Green” initiative and to comply with Executive Order 13589 (Promoting Efficient Spending), we are endeavoring to limit hardcopy production of *JRRD* in order to reduce paper use by 20 percent. *JRRD* will continue to be freely accessible via our Web site (www.rehab.research.va.gov/jrrd). Beginning July 1, 2013, a new hard-copy subscription of the journal can be purchased from the U.S. Government Bookstore (bookstore.gpo.gov, search “JRRD”). In coordination with GPO, *JRRD* will also be available for purchase for easy download to your tablet or smartphone from Zinio, where articles can be viewed in either PDF or free-flow text format (www.zinio.com).

If you are an author or reviewer, please take a moment to review our updated Submission Guidelines and Editorial Policies. Specifically, we have updated sections involving self-plagiarism: what it is and how to avoid it. For more detailed information on the topics of plagiarism and self-plagiarism, see the “From the Editor’s Desk” in volume 49, issue 8 of *JRRD* [1].

As part of our effort to reach and inform more veterans, researchers, and clinicians worldwide, we have expanded our foreign language *JRRD At a Glance* offerings (available on our Web site). Translations of every layperson summary are available in Spanish, traditional Chinese, and simplified Chinese. In the summer of 2012, *JRRD* was part of an international book tour to

China as part of The Charlesworth Group's Academic Journal Exhibition 2012. The tour covered approximately 70 percent of the Chinese print subscription market. Issues of the journal were displayed in Wuhan, Shanghai, and Shenzhen and at the Beijing International Book Fair—Overseas Periodical Show. The proactive *JRRD* outreach into this arena is a direct result of recent publications in *Science* and *Nature* that report on the rising Asian influence in scientific research and resultant publications [2–3]. Participating in this journal exhibition has substantially increased both our readership and the number of submissions from the Pacific Rim countries.

Our social media offerings online continue to grow. *JRRD* is available on both Facebook (<http://jrrd-journal.facebook.com>) and Twitter (@jrrdeditor), and both are updated regularly with rehabilitation news. We encourage everyone to “like” or “follow” us to keep up to date with *JRRD*. This year, the staff also developed and animated a short video called *JRRD 180*, which provides an excellent introduction to the journal and its role in the rehabilitation research community. Finally, podcasts with information about all the articles in each issue are available for free in the iTunes store and on the *JRRD* Web site. Episodes are available in both English and Spanish.

The estimated number of downloads from the *JRRD* Web site in 2002 was approximately 500,000. In 2012, we had 9.6 million! The journal has come far in 10 years, and we can't wait to see how far we will grow in the next decade.

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