NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER



## IDH moves forward, now indexed with the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) and releasing an Impact Factor for 2011 next year

We are pleased to announce that *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* is now indexed with the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI). Acceptance into the ISI network of databases follows a rigorous evaluation of the scientific content, timeliness and international representation in the journal and reflects the confidence of the scientific community.

International Journal of Dental Hygiene will be indexed with ISI beginning with Volume 9 issue 1, which means immediate compilation of data to calculate Impact Factors and a release of the first Impact Factor in 2012. In addition, International Journal of Dental Hygiene will now be available in the following ISI products:

- Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as Sci-Search<sup>®</sup>)
- Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition
- Current Contents<sup>®</sup>/Clinical Medicine

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The publisher wishes to acknowledge the work of former Editor-in-Chief Marjolijn Hovius for her outstanding work on achieving the ISI Impact Factor. It has always been a clear objective for the journal to be the first journal in the Dental Hygiene research field to receive an Impact Factor, and we are pleased to say that *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* has the recognition the journal deserves.

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