

Editorial

I am very pleased to report that the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* received a record number of new submissions last year. During 2007 we received 326 new submissions, in contrast to 286 during 2006, corresponding to a 14% increase. The journal is responding to changes in the field of scientific publishing, with the aim to increase the scientific impact of IJPD. As previously reported the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* will receive its first scientific impact factor in 2009. The papers published in 2006 and 2007 will form the first basis for this calculation.

As can be seen in Table 1 the IJPD attracts submission from all over the world. This year an increasing number of manuscripts have come from China, Sweden and USA. Regarding the distribution of different types of manuscripts 50% represents clinical research, 10% basic science, 35% case reports and 5% review articles. In 2007 the acceptance rate for research papers was 31% and for case reports 6%. The time from submission to first decision is 42 days. The mean turn-around time for reviewers is 15 days, which makes it possible to keep this short time from submission to first decision.

With this increase in number of submissions we have to prioritize favouring more definitive research, hypothesis-driven research and studies with a randomized control group. This has resulted in rejection of scientifically sound papers but with lower scientific priority or interest for our readers. We will try to increase the number of case reports using the new format of Brief Clinical Reports and at the end of 2008 you will see this change fully introduced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributing authors, editors, editorial board and reviewers for their contribution during 2007 and look forward to a close collaboration during 2008. I do welcome communication (goran.dahllof@ki.se) at any time as to how we can best serve the needs of our readership.

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Table 1. Distribution of manuscripts to *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* during 2007 by country of corresponding author.

Brazil	70
Turkey	59
India	23
United Kingdom	21
Sweden	20
China	14
Iran	12
USA	11
Japan	8
Germany	7
Australia	5
Canada	5
Malaysia	5
Mexico	5
Thailand	5
Denmark	4
Greece	4
France	3
Ireland	3
Israel	3
Italy	3
Norway	3
Saudi Arabia	3
Belgium	2
Croatia	2
Finland	2
Jordan	2
Pakistan	2
Poland	2
Serbia	2
Taiwan	2
The Netherlands	2
Venezuela	2
Austria	1
Azerbaijan	1
Colombia	1
Fiji	1
Kenya	1
Nigeria	1
Portugal	1
South Korea	1
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	1
Zimbabwe	1

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