

Editorial

In June, just after the congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry in Munich, Germany we received news that ISI had published the Journal Citation Reports giving the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* its first impact factor. The impact factor was calculated to 1.072, ranking the journal 42 among 55 scientific journals in the field of dentistry, oral surgery and oral medicine. This is good news and it will be an important factor for attracting good manuscripts to the journal in the future. It was also rewarding for the editorial team as it was an important goal for us when we took on the assignments in 2005.

During 2010 the end of my five year contract as editor-in-chief is approaching and I have decided to pass on the baton to a new editor-in-chief. It has been a learning experience, a lot of manuscripts to read, since October 2005 about 1500. We are a truly international journal with increasing contribution from new (in paediatric dentistry research) countries like China, South Korea and Iran. The moments I like the best is when I log into Manuscript Central and see a really good manuscript for the first time, thinking these authors have chosen the IJPD to publish their work.

During this year Professor Göran Koch has stepped down as the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry editor. His contribution and long experience in publishing has been valuable. We also welcomed the new IAPD editor professor Milton Houpt from USA.

During 2009 the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* received 392 new submissions, compared to 307 submissions during 2008. In November 2009 we had all time high with 50 new submissions for one month. We also saw increasing number of submissions from other fields of dentistry like orthodontics and dental materials.

Table 1 show that *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* attracts submission from all over the world. This year an increasing number of manuscripts have come from India, China, Israel and Greece. We received manuscript from 44 different countries during

2009. Regarding the distribution of different types of manuscripts 48% represents clinical research, 12% basic science, 36% case reports and 4% review articles. In 2009 the acceptance rate for research papers was 26%, while very few case reports have been accepted

Table 1. Distribution of manuscripts to *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* during 2009 by country of corresponding author.

Country	submitted
India	97
Brazil	62
Turkey	34
United Kingdom	20
USA	16
China	15
Iran	14
Israel	11
Greece	10
Sweden	10
Italy	8
Nigeria	7
Japan	7
Thailand	7
The Netherlands	7
France	5
Malaysia	5
Spain	5
Croatia	4
Jordan	4
Australia	3
Germany	3
Poland	3
South Korea	3
Denmark	2
Estonia	2
Saudi Arabia	2
Serbia/Montenegro	2
Singapore	2
Tunisia	2
United Arab Emirates	2
Finland	1
Mexico	1
Ireland	1
Belgium	1
Chile	1
Irak	1
Malta	1
Morocco	1
Norway	1
Oman	1
Pakistan	1
Qatar	1
South Africa	1
Taiwan	1

(according to our strategy). The total acceptance rate was 14%.

The time from submission to first decision is 39 days. The mean turn-around time for reviewers is 13 days, which make it possible to keep this short time from submission to first decision.

The online usage of papers from the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* is continuing to increase. The number of downloaded articles is exceeding 100 000 during 2009.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributing authors, editors, editorial board and particularly reviewers for their contribution during 2009 and look forward to a close collaboration during the final lap in 2010. 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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