

2009—Moving Forward

The *Journal of Dentistry for Children* was first published in 1934, under the auspices of the American Society of Dentistry for Children (ASDC) and for many years it was the only dental journal consulted by many dentists who wanted to read more about reports on care and needs for children. Many changes have taken place during these years. Since 2007 the journal has become an on-line publication and this gave the journal more flexibility in the number of manuscripts it can publish in each issue. It also makes the information available in a more timely manner. Being on-line, the journal is available to readers who can access in many parts of the world without having to wait for delivery of the paper based journal. This is my third year as editor and I would like to thank the Editorial Board of the Journal for their help and dedication and also thank the many

ad hoc reviewers, both within and outside our specialty, who graciously reviewed the manuscripts. Without them, the reviews could not be done. Their names will be listed in the Sept/Dec issue of *JDC* as usual.

The number of manuscripts received in 2008 by the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* was 157. Many of the papers came from abroad as detailed in Figure 1. The papers were reviewed and several were returned to the authors to incorporate the suggestions of the reviewers. Of the submissions, 40 (26.5%) were accepted and 117 (73.5%) were rejected. Of all the papers, 35.1% were scientific papers, 44.4% were case reports, 9.3% were clinical reports, 6.6% were public health reports and 4.6% were literary reviews (Figure 2).

According to IngentaConnect data, the company that hosts our on-line distribution, JDC continues to

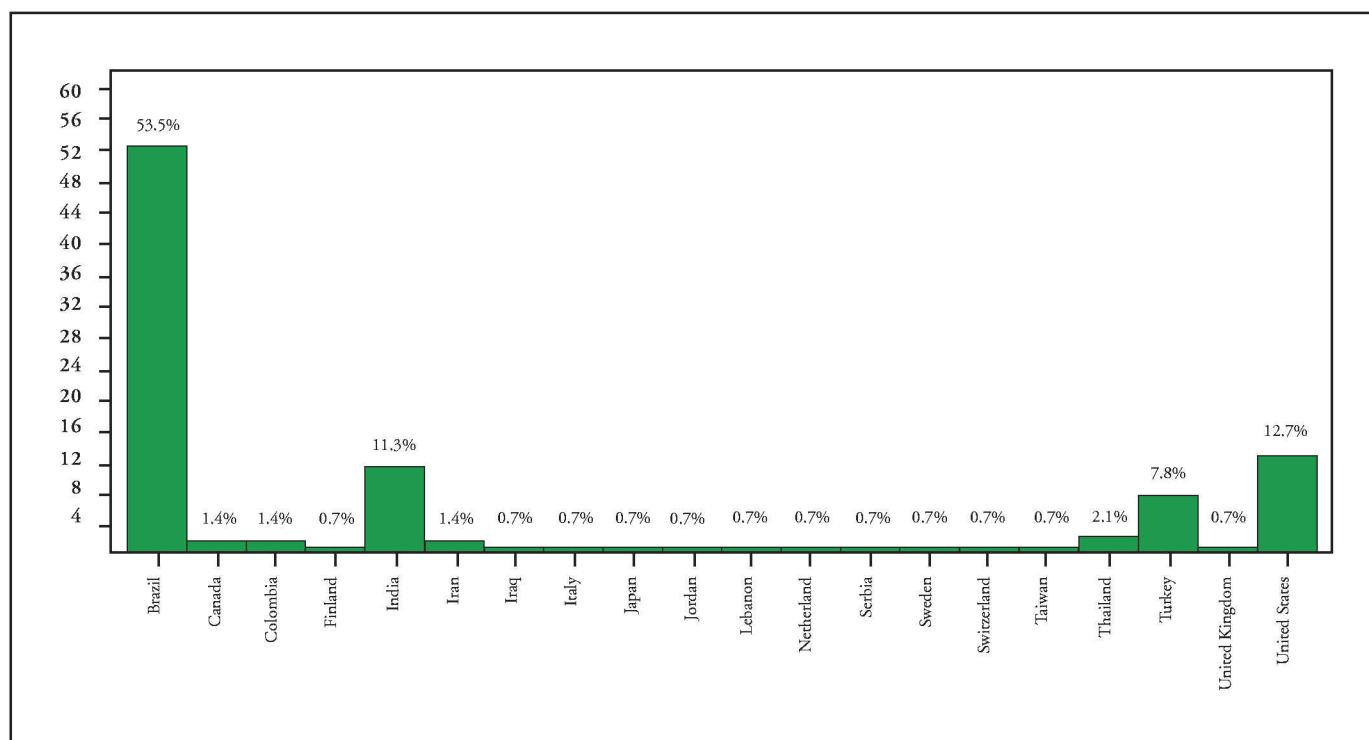


Figure 1. Manuscript submissions by country of corresponding author (from January 2008 to December 2008).

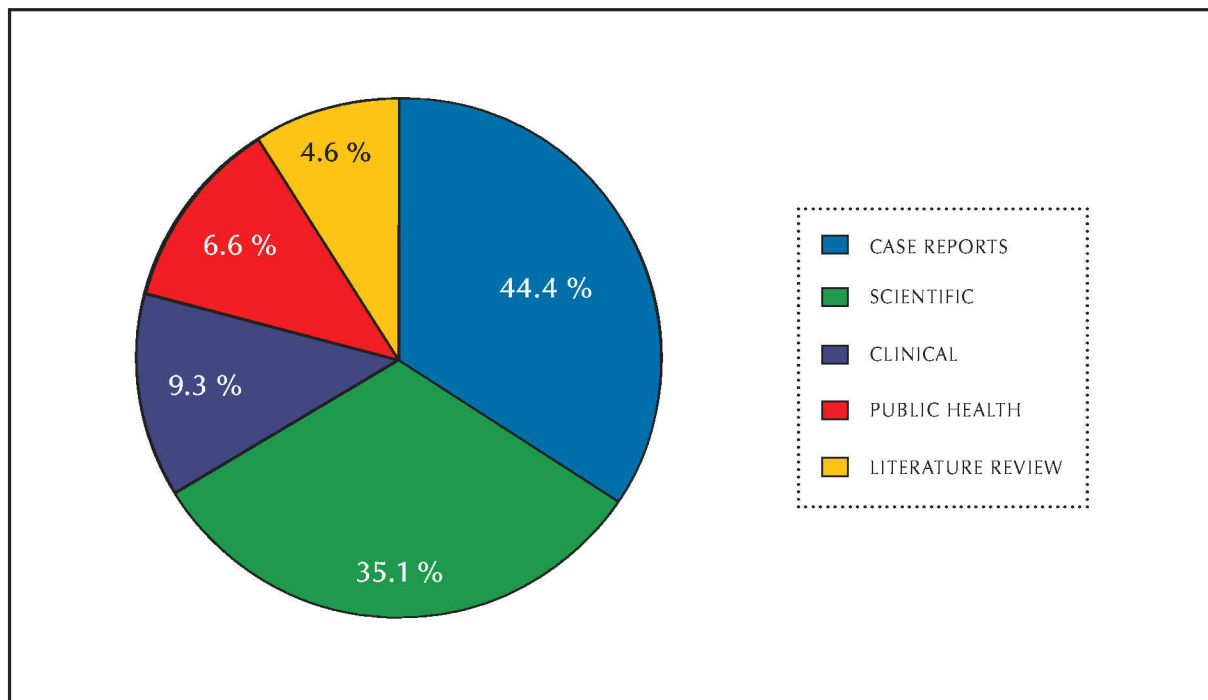


Figure 2. Manuscript submissions approved by category (from January 2008 to December 2008).

rank in the top 100 out of more than 10,000 titles for number of full-text downloads. While in 2007 the journal ranked 83rd out of 10,000 titles with 1168 downloads, in the period of February 1, 2009 to February 28, 2009 it ranked 39th with 2360 downloads.

Considering the great help received during these years, I contacted the members of the Editorial Board finishing their term this year. Most of them were willing to continue on the Board and would like to be reappointed for another term. Some were not able to continue, since they have many other activities, but the majority will continue. The following individuals

will continue on the Editorial Board for a 4-year term: Kevin J. Donly, Noel K. Childers, Jeffrey T. Johnson, Adriana Segura and Rodney Vergotine. New members of the Editorial Board are John E. Novak and Issa Sasa.

I must thank the publishing staff at the Headquarters Office for the outstanding help I received during this year. They are willing to help, and their dedication is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Dr. Steven Adair for his help and his positive suggestions, it made my life much easier.

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