

Editor's Report for the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*, 2007

I am pleased to update you on the progress of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* this year. The journal continues to maintain its position in our specialty and continues to receive a large number of manuscript submissions containing scientific and technical information on quality dental health care from around the world. Technical and clinical guidelines that several years ago we did not think possible are now being considered, and a number of interesting papers have been sent to us and studied by the reviewers of our journal. I am indebted and grateful to the many reviewers of the journal for their timeliness and careful reports. The reviewers assure quality of the content of the journal.

In 1869, G.V. Black predicted that dentistry would change and "dentists would engage in practicing preventive rather reparative dentistry" and "combat the destructive effects

of dental caries." While many aspects of dental treatment have changed, the present issue reflects some of these changes, we are still combating the "destructive effects" as we see more patients suffering from other diseases besides dental caries who come to us because they feel we can help. Today's pediatric dentistry permits us to conserve more healthy dental tissues by utilizing minimally intrusive procedures and achieving better esthetic results. The present issue of the journal reports these changes based on reports of treatments and research from all over the world.

The number of papers submitted to the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* this year has increased to 199 as compared to 119 in 2006. The figure shows the country of origin of the authors of papers submitted. Many papers which came from abroad were returned to the authors to incorporate the suggestions of the reviewers.

Figure. *Journal of Dentistry for Children* 2007.

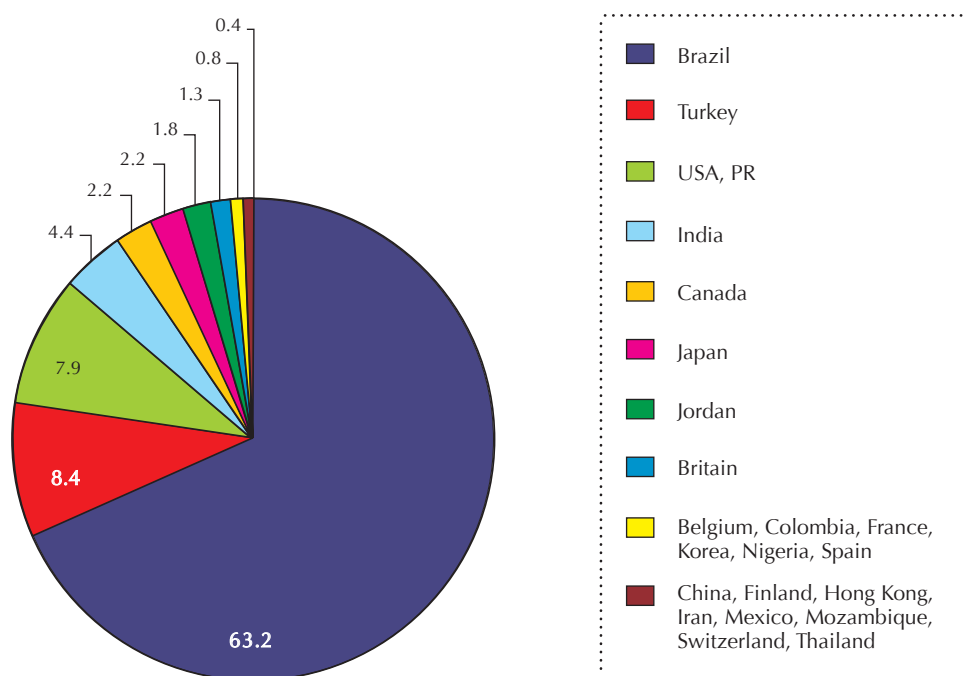


Table. Total number of submissions accepted by category for the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*

Category	No. of submissions
Case Report	49
Clinical Article	12
Literature Review	20
Public Health	11
Scientific Article	62
Other	2

A total of 43% of these manuscripts were accepted for future publication. Unfortunately, not all authors read the instructions to authors, causing several of the rejections. The table shows the distribution of the categories of the papers accepted for publication.

According to data from IngentaConnect, the company that hosts our on-line distribution, the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* ranked 83rd out of 10,000 titles in the number of download requests with a total of 1,168 downloads. The *Journal of Dentistry for Children* ranked 94th with 1,783 home page viewers for the period of January 1st thru December 31st, 2007.

The communications staff at the headquarters office particularly Mr. Robert Gillmeister and Ms. Adriana Loaiza helped greatly in this effort. Dr. Adair must also be thanked for his helpful suggestions this year. We will continue to evolve and welcome your suggestions.



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