

Editorial

JIDC approaches its fifth birthday

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The *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries* (JIDC) is approaching a significant milestone – the fifth anniversary of publishing our first issue in August 2007. Since posting that first issue online, JIDC has grown continuously and realized several important accomplishments. As a result of receiving an enthusiastic reception from the scientific community and the subsequent increase in submissions, we quickly moved from being a bimonthly to a monthly publication and were listed in several key databases including ISI Web of Knowledge (Science Citation Index Expanded), Index Copernicus, Chemical Abstracts, CABI Global Health, CAB Abstracts, Directory of Open Access Journals, CrossRef/DOI, HINARI (WHO), Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, Google Scholar, NLM Catalog, IMBIOMED, BOAI, WAME, COPE, DIS-UFSP(BR), GFMER(CH), IBT-CCG-UNAM(MX), WMA(ES), WB-LUMC(NL), LC(FR), BVUB(BEL), GU-L(US), L-YU(CA), HKUL(HK), RCL-UR (US), B-UNIFACS (BR), EBSCO . Then in August 2009, we were thrilled to be accepted into the distinguished PubMed database.

Our next goal is to receive an impact factor, and in a few months we will receive our impact factor evaluation from Thompson Reuters. Looking at Google Scholar, we have about 1,150 citations with a constant monthly increase, so we are anticipating good news. We can only go up from here! We are eternally grateful to our readers who inspire us to present the important research from developing countries.

We are very proud of our publishing record. In 2011 JIDC published a total of 155 papers including reviews, regional reviews, outbreak reports, original papers, case reports, technical notes, and letters written by authors from many different developing countries. We greatly appreciate the contributions of our authors (733) who hail from 358 institutions in 60

countries, without whom our accomplishments would not have been possible.

JIDC is based on the hard work of volunteers who believe in the JIDC project and give their time to achieve JIDC's goal of reducing the scientific gap experienced by developing countries.

This is the right time to thank the editorial team including our senior editors, editors, associate editors and members of editorial board. We greatly appreciate the excellent work of our core team, including chief technical editor and production coordinator Nikki Kelvin, webmaster and production coordinator Marco Scano, page setter Joey Kelvin, creative director Jeff Coombs, and administrative assistant Giustina Casu.

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Everyone on our editorial team is committed to our mentoring system, which is at the heart of JIDC, starting at the pre-submission level and carried through the entire publishing process.

We are also very proud of our successful blog, which is new to JIDC this past year. Headed masterfully and with a great dedication by Alyson Kelvin, it is a place where professional experiences

and scientific ideas can be exchanged. JIDC also has a Facebook page, where you can get updates on our editorial meetings and view our interesting gallery of JIDC friends, and we are followed on Twitter. We also publish a monthly newsletter that is sent to subscribers.

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