

REPORT ON THE JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (JIDD) PRESENTED AT THE ASSID CONFERENCE, BRISBANE, SEPTEMBER 2010

The editorial office of JIDD is based at the University of Newcastle. The editors of JIDD are Ian Dempsey (University of Newcastle) and Sue Balandin (University College Molde, Norway), and the journal's editorial assistant is Genevieve Farrell. The journal is published by Informa Healthcare. Our current contract with Informa expires in 2013.

The 2009 volume of Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability consisted of 4 published issues, comprising of 340 printed pages in total (general contents and adverts included). The published issues consisted of 45 articles in total, of which 38 were Original Articles, 2 Editorials, 2 Book reviews, 1 Index, 1 announcement. Three issues have been published so far in 2010, comprising of 228 pages in total, and primarily of Original Articles (18 in total).

The editors, associate editors, and editorial consultants come from 11 different countries. There was one retirement from the editorial board in the last year.

The following represent highlights of JIDD's operation over the last year:

- JIDD's impact factor increased to 1.0 in 2009. Impact factor is a widely used index of how frequently articles published in a journal are cited in other publications. The figure below shows that JIDD's impact factor has increased by 58% in the last 5 years (see Figure 1). JIDD was ranked 17th of 28 journals in the "education, special" category and 26th of 52 in 2009 (see Figure 2).

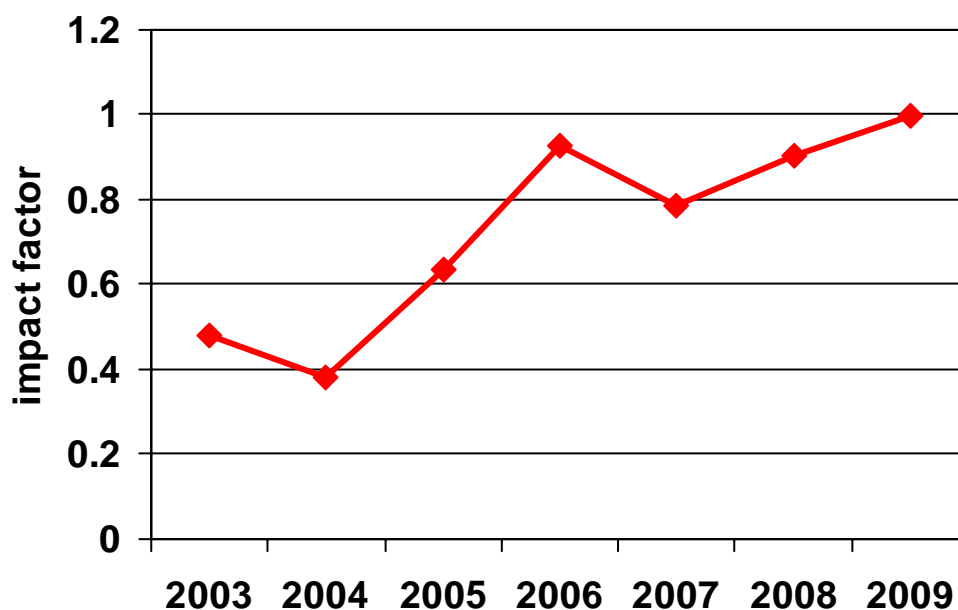


Figure 1. Annual impact factor for JIDD 2003-2009

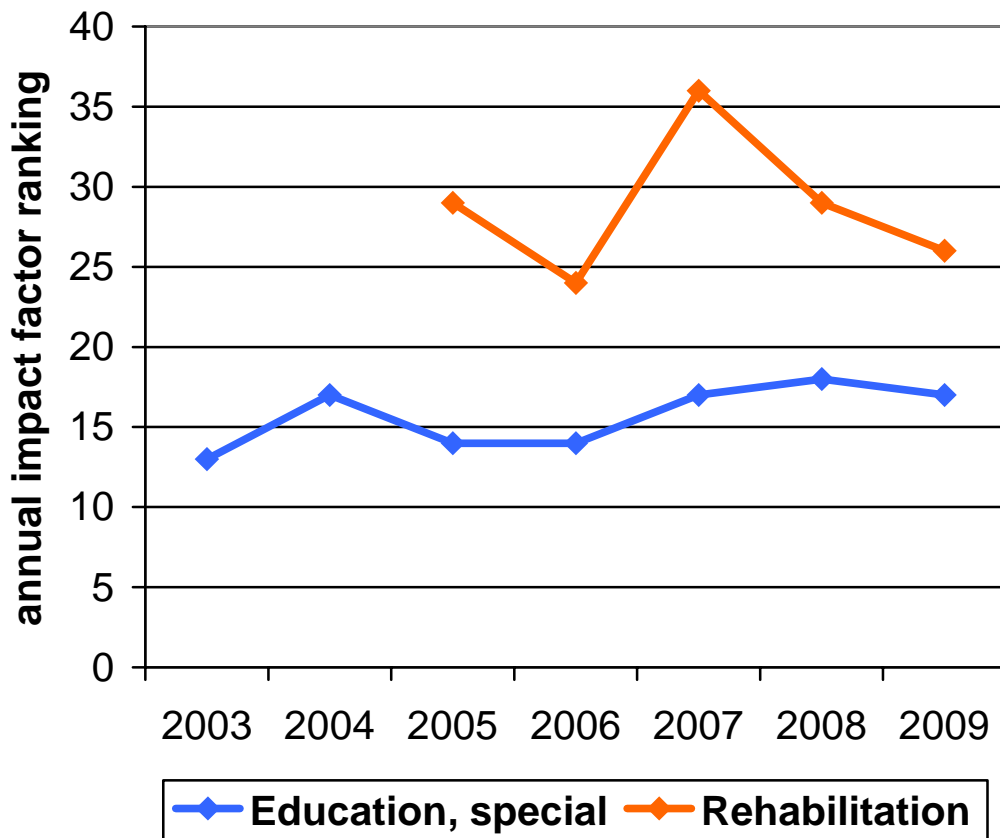


Figure 2. Annual impact factor ranking for JIDD (Education, Special category). Lower numbers indicate a higher ranking.

- A special issue on poverty and disadvantage in intellectual disability will appear in the December 2010 issue. Edited by Sue Parish and Eric Emerson, the issue includes papers from high profile authors.
- One submission has already been received for the special issue on positive behaviour support approaches (closing date February 2011), which will be edited by Gary LaVigna. Possible publication in 2012.
- One submission from a high profile author has been received for a possible special issue on the definition of intellectual disability to be used in conjunction with an acknowledgement of Trevor Parmenter's career. Several more papers have been promised. Possible publication in 2011.
- Book reviews have again become a regular feature of the journal following the appointment of Rachel Mayes as book review editor.

Following are the main features of Informa's report on the journal:

- Institutional/corporate subscriptions decreased by around 6% in the last year. According to the publisher, this is an industry trend with library budgets decreasing and less libraries buying the entire journal. There is more interest in purchase of individual articles.
- Increased online usage of the journal. The number of abstracts views grew by 64% between 2008 and 2009. 22% of these users continued on to download the entire article (down a little from the previous year).
- Development of a new and improved online platform (www.informahealthcare.com/jidd), which among other things, enhances cross-promotional activities.
- Introduction of the Early Online service for the journal which will shorten publication times for the journal.