A Report on the Journal

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Three years have passed since I assumed the editorship of the Journal. During the past year, I and the Associate Editors have been deeply grateful both to the members of our editorial board and to the many others who serve as reviewers of papers. The peer-review process is not perfect but remains the most effective system we have for maintaining quality, and we are deeply grateful to the many individuals (listed below) who have served as reviewers this past year. I particularly want to thank Mary Konstantareas, Bertram Ploog, Peter Szatmari, Deborah Fein, and Susan Hyman who have served as wonderful members of our board and now are rotating off. And I'd like also to welcome Sander Begeer, David Quentin Beversdorf, Lynn Koegel, Brian Reichow, Susan W. White, and Marc Woodbury-Smith who have joined the board.

Research in autism and related conditions grows with each passing year. This year, we received more than 550 submissions (a significant increase from the year before). Given the increased pressure for publication, JADD's rejection rate has had to keep pace as we are compelled to make difficult decisions about sometimes very good papers that might, in the past, have been accepted. Significantly less than half of all submissions end up being published, and the vast majority (more than 95%) of scientific papers are revised one or more times before being accepted. This reflects both the increasing sophistication of research in the field and the higher standards being employed by reviewers. We thank the reviewers for their diligence and authors for their patience with the process!

During the past year, we've introduced several new features to the Journal, including a books-received section,

book reviews, and, occasionally, invited review papers. We also have tried to use valuable journal space wisely by limiting the number of short papers and case reports. We thank the book reviewers as well as the authors/publishers who have sent us materials.

As readers of this Journal know, interest in the field of autism and related disorders has increased dramatically throughout the past decade. JADD has responded to its researchers and readers' changing information needs by increasing its frequency as well as the number of papers published, both online and in print, each year. And supported by its outstanding editorial team, leading-edge content, and worldwide dissemination, JADD has seen its impact factor grow annually for the past several years. In fact, the Journal's 2008 impact factor climbed to an all-time high of 3.348—giving it a ranking of 9 out of 55 journals in the developmental psychology category of ISI's Social Science Citation Index; and its 5-year impact factor is an even higher 4.154. Also as a result of the burgeoning interest in and funding of research in the field, several new journals have recently debuted, providing a variety of outlets for different types of information. We welcome the contributions these new journals make, yet, at the same time, renew our pledge to continue publishing the most innovative, significant research and disseminating it to the widest possible audience. JADD will continue to provide the field with a uniquely broad editorial focus and publish a range of both basic and clinical research—an unparalleled editorial strength that remains as important today as when the Journal began.

Given the increasing number of papers received, we have taken several steps to streamline the submission and review process, thereby simplifying, we hope, the task for authors and reviewers alike. To this end, the staff of the Journal—Lori Klein, Managing Editor, and Emily Deegan,

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Editorial Assistant—have paid very careful attention to the required format on all submissions and, as a result, many papers are returned for format revision before the review process even begins. We hope that this has both streamlined the process for authors and simplified the task for reviewers. On behalf of the associate editors, I want to specifically thank Judy Jones, Bill Tucker, and Sharon

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For this coming year, we have plans for several special sections/issues that we hope will be of interest to our readers. We welcome suggestions and feedback from our readers, reviewers, and authors.

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