From the Editor

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The Journal in 2011

The journal *Sexuality and Disability* has been in existence since 1978. For over three decades, this premier journal has been a forum for international research and thought. With this issue, we are pleased to announce that this year has published the largest volume of scholarly works since the journal's inception. Thank you to the dedicated authors and staff at Springer, where team work has made this possible.

The first editor of *Sexuality and Disability* wrote the following in the first issue of the journal, 1978. Ami Ska'ked, Ph.D. affirmed "There are two major trends that characterize current progressive medical and rehabilitation treatment and care. One is the emphasis placed on the normalization and humanization of human services, the other calls for comprehensive and holistic treatment approaches. The rationale for the inception of *Sexuality and Disability* lies within the context and spirit of these two developments. The belief which inspired the creation of this new journal is three-fold: (a) the disabled person, like the able-bodied person is a sexual human being; (b) that normative sexual expression and sexual adjustment should be encouraged- but not imposed- in persons with disabilities, and (c) that sexuality ought to be an integral part of any health-care and rehabilitation program." There is much work to do to address those goals on an international scale even today. Moving forward in 2012, the work continues.

Sexuality and Disability provides original impact articles addressing the mental health and medical aspects of sexuality in relation to rehabilitation, hospital, academic and community settings, publishing up-to-date articles, case studies, clinical practice reports, reviews, featured articles, historical articles, special grand rounds topics, brief research reports and survey data reports. Value benefit is provided to authors through worldwide electronic exposure and professional access, while readership gains from scholarly contributions to advance the field through research, best-practice and educational articles. The refined lens of individual contributions from the local and international community continues to deliver a wealth of information on the topic of sexuality and disability for the reader.

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