

A New JSR

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Scott Lephart has stepped down as editor of the *Journal of Sport Rehabilitation* after 3 years of exemplary service. His impact on JSR has certainly been notable, particularly his efforts to give the journal a more international presence. In fact, most of this issue is a result of his hard work. I feel fortunate that Scott has agreed to remain on the editorial board for JSR. Thanks again, Scott. Job well done!

Human Kinetics has asked me to assume the editor's duties for JSR. I agreed and am excited about this new challenge. I have several goals as the new editor: (1) to produce a journal that is of great value to practitioners and scientists interested in sport rehabilitation, (2) to increase the number of quality manuscripts submitted to JSR each year, (3) to continue to build international alliances, and (4) to encourage diverse thinking in the field.

You will notice some changes in this issue of JSR. The cover design and layout have been updated to give the journal a more contemporary feel for the new millennium (I know it doesn't actually start until next year). The editorial style has also changed. JSR is now presented in AMA style rather than a modified APA style. This change makes it comparable with other journals in our field, and it makes it easier to prepare manuscripts using electronic referencing systems. The primary differences between the two editorial styles are in referencing and the use of structured abstracts. Please refer to the Instructions for Authors (page 92). Minor changes have also occurred in the Editorial Mission (page 96).

JSR has a reputation for publishing clinically relevant research articles. The distinction between original research articles and clinically relevant articles has become blurred in this journal. I view this as a great positive. Because of this, I have decided to eliminate the Clinically Relevant section as a separate category. This journal is *about* clinically relevant research. Submissions will now be identified as belonging to one of the following categories: Original Research Reports, Research Reviews, Commentary, Case Studies, Sport Rehabilitation Forum, and Media Reviews. We will also continue to produce special issues on selected topics.

Commentary is a new category, in which invited guests will comment on select research articles. This is in line with encouraging diverse thinking in the field. If you are interested in providing commentary on articles in your area of specialization, please contact me and let me know of your interest.

Because we will no longer be classifying manuscripts as clinically relevant, we will no longer have an associate editor for clinical applications. Many thanks to Peg Houglum, who has served admirably in that role since the inception of *JSR*. On the topic of “thank you’s,” I would also like to recognize Christine Boyd Stopka. She has served as media review editor since the first issue of the journal and has done a fantastic job.

To go with the new look, style, and layout are 3 new members to the editorial team. First, I would like to welcome William S. Quillen as the media review editor. Sandy has some exciting new ideas for the Media Review section of *JSR*. Stephen J. Kinzey will serve as our statistical consultant. He will be my right-hand person in resolving statistical issues that inevitably surface regarding manuscripts. Last, but not least, is J. Ty Hopkins. Ty will serve as my editorial assistant. His computer and organizational skills will be invaluable as we begin exploring means of submitting and reviewing manuscripts electronically. Many thanks to Sandy, Steve, and Ty for agreeing to take on these challenging responsibilities.

New to the editorial board for this volume are Douglas J. Casa, Mitchell L. Cordova, A. Louise Fincher, Brian Fisher, Mark A. Hoffman, Kenneth L. Knight, Yu Konishi, Janice K. Loudon, Mark A. Merrick, Shane S. Schulthies, and Chad A. Starkey.

My thanks to the following outgoing members of the editorial board for their past contributions: Paul Borsa, Stephen Boutcher, K. M. Chan, Sergio daSilva, Christian Fink, Peter Fowler, Bruce Gansneder, Joseph J. Godeck, Susan Hillman, David H. Perrin, Ethan Saliba, Angus Strover, and Ted W. Worrell.

Finally, thanks to our loyal subscribers. We hope to continue to make *JSR* an invaluable resource for you.

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