

Message from the New Editors of the Journal of Andrology
July 1, 2007

July 1, 2007 marks the start of our co-editorship of the Journal of Andrology. This significant transition will be relatively invisible to our authors because you will continue to submit papers online as usual. However, three of us, in different parts of the country, will be handling your papers as co-editors:

Arthur (“Bud”) Burnett, MD from Baltimore MD (Johns Hopkins Brady Urological Institute)

Sally Perreault (Darney), PhD from RTP NC (US EPA)

Jay Sandlow, MD from Milwaukee WI (Medical College of Wisconsin)

You can communicate with us via a single email address: submit@jandrol.org

As we launch this new endeavor we first want to recognize and thank our outgoing co-editors, Matt Hardy and Peter Schlegel who have so greatly enhanced the features and quality of our journal over the last five years. We also appreciate that they are staying on as “Past Editors” to handle any papers submitted from the institutions of the new co-editors.

Our initial goals are to:

1. **Select a highly engaged Editorial Board.** The board will include some ongoing members (after thanking those who have already served lengthy terms) and additional new voices to represent the richness of our scientific expertise and breadth of our geography. We expect the board to be advocates for our journal, to enhance our visibility and reputation for excellence worldwide, and to provide their expertise for the peer review process.
2. **Solicit timely reviews to address your interests, attract new readers, and enhance our immediacy and impact factors.** To this end, the Publications Committee has recently approved making reviews immediately “open access.” We aim to publish a clinical and a basic review in each issue.
3. **Enhance the stature of J Androl** by actively encouraging submission of innovative papers from ASA members and non-members. To this end, we hope to re-institute annual “Best Paper” awards for both clinical and basic papers. We also encourage submission of interdisciplinary papers such as those reporting on environmental epidemiology projects and large clinical studies.

We need your help, so here’s what you can do:

1. Submit your best papers to J Androl!
2. Register on the J Androl manuscript submission website. Go to <http://submit.andrologyjournal.org>. Create a new account if you have not already done

so. Enter the reviewer area (personal information) and add contact information and areas of expertise. This will enable us to choose appropriate reviewers for articles. Please help us ensure scientific soundness by accepting review assignments.

3. Help increase our Impact and Immediacy factors, which are based on citations of J Androl papers 1-2 years prior to your year of publication and in the year of your publications, respectively.

4. Send us your suggestions, ideas, complaints. The Publications Committee, with input from the Editors, has revised the “instructions for authors”. Do let us know if anything is missing or unclear...we want it to be EASY for you to submit papers.

We are looking forward to serving the American Society of Andrology as co-editors. We envision our roles as being conduits of ASA’s energy, ideas and impact, and are proud represent the entire society as we move J Androl forward as the premier Andrology journal in the world.