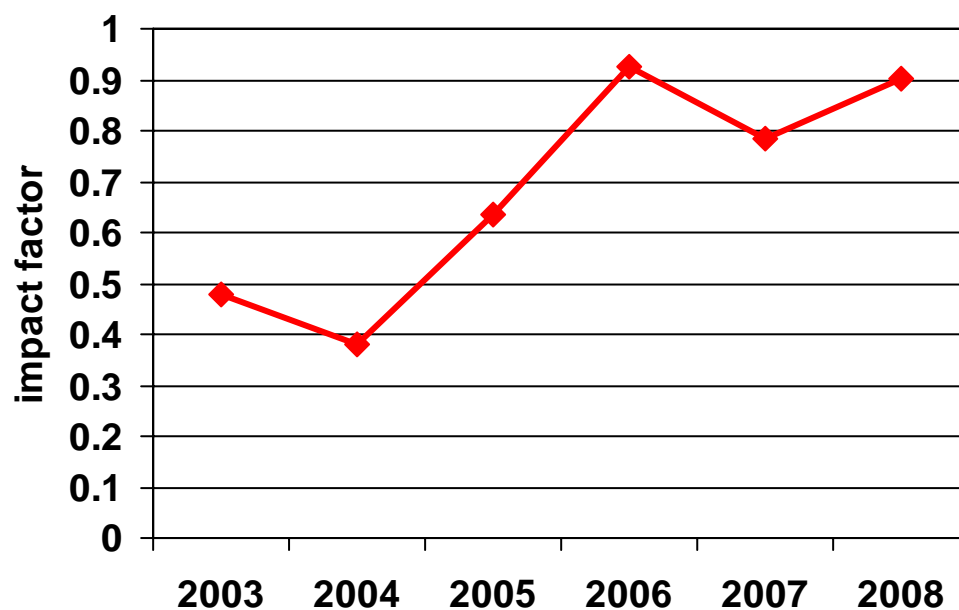


REPORT ON THE JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY PRESENTED AT THE ASSID CONFERENCE, HOBART, NOVEMBER 2009

In November, 2008 the editorial office of JIDD moved from the Centre for Developmental Disability Studies, Sydney to the University of Newcastle. The current 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 following represent highlights of JIDD's operation over the last year:

- ASSID secured a new 5 year contract for JIDD with Informa Healthcare that included several improvements – a one off payment, a guaranteed income each year, the opportunity for increased royalty percentage payments with increased subscriptions, and the addition of an annual payment for editorial travel expenses.
- JIDD's impact factor increased to 0.9 in 2008. 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 125% in the last 5 years.



- The journal made several high profile appointments to the editorial board in 2009 – Carl Dunst, Juliet Goldbart and Travis Threats. As an acknowledgement of their status and commitment to the journal over many years, Chris Hatton and Richard Hastings were appointed as Associate Editors.

- The transition of the editorial office from Sydney to Newcastle, and the transition to the new editors have been effectively seamless. All the journal's production targets have been met this year.
- A new book review editor (Rachel Mayes) has been appointed. We expect that with Rachel's appointment, book reviews will become a regular feature of the journal.
- In addition to improving JIDD's impact factor, Sue and I are seeking to increase the journal's engagement with the Asian research community. To this end, we both attended the Singapore IASSID conference this year to present, with Roger Stancliffe and Sheridan Russell, a paper on publishing in the journal. Informa Healthcare promoted the journal from their stand at the conference and has agreed to also promote the journal at the Asian Conference on Intellectual Disability in Singapore later this year. During 2009, there has been a modest increase in submissions to JIDD from Asian and Arabic countries.
- Eric Emerson and Sue Parish have agreed to co-edit a special issue of the journal on poverty and social disadvantage for people with intellectual disability. Submissions close early next year and, pending a sufficient number of quality papers, the special issue will appear in 2011.

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