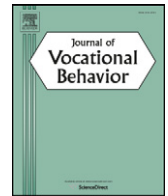




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Editor's Farewell



For the past 17 years, I have served as Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of Vocational Behavior* (Volumes 54 through 91), publishing 103 issues with this issue being the final one. I have had the privilege of working with excellent Editorial Board members and reviewers. They have all served graciously and conscientiously. I have been thankful for their expertise and support. I have also appreciated the encouragement and advice given by Nikki Levy and Dan Morgan from Elsevier. Furthermore, I have enjoyed learning from our colleagues' research reports, a never-ending continuing education for me.

Much has happened to JVB over the last 17 years and, as is so often the case, change signals a time for reflection. The growth in quantity of JVB is obvious. It has increased from 850 small pages to 1200 large pages. Submissions have grown from about 150 per year to over 500 per year, with a sharp increase in international submissions and a concomitant addition of international colleagues to the editorial board. This growth in size did not slow the publication process. In fact, the process has accelerated. With the August 2012 issue, JVB launched "article-based publishing." From that point forward, JVB authors saw an accepted article published in the next issue. In 2014, a typical submission was eventually published on the web in 18 weeks and in print three weeks later.

This growth in quantity and increased speed was matched by developments in quality. The citation impact factors for the years 2000 to 2015 appear in Table 1. They provide one important indicator of quality development. The current impact factor of 2.59 ranks JVB number eighth among the 76 journals in Applied Psychology. Independent of impact factors, another measure of quality is reader interest as shown by article downloads. The number of downloads has increased each year. In 2013, JVB articles were downloaded 681,831 times. During 2014, each month saw between 55,000 and 85,000 downloads of JVB articles. Interestingly, citation impact factor and downloads present different pictures of how an article has been received by the discipline. Some frequently cited articles were downloaded infrequently, while some infrequently cited articles were downloaded frequently.

Following these years of JVB growth and development, it is time for new leadership to move the Journal to the next level. I am most pleased that the new editor is Professor Nadya Fouad. She brings to JVB a depth of scholarship, extensive editorial experience, enthusiasm for the task, and fresh ideas. I look forward to the innovations she will make to advance JVB's contributions to the disciplines of vocational psychology and career studies.

In my first editorial I wrote that the continued success of the Journal depended on the authors who submit manuscripts, readers who suggest topics for special issues and integrative reviews, and Editorial Board members who evaluate manuscripts and recommend innovations in Journal policies and procedures. JVB authors, reviewers, and Editorial Board members have more than fulfilled their commitments in doing an outstanding job during the last 17 years. I thank and congratulate them for their significant contributions to the Journal and hope that Professor Fouad has the same wonderful experience that I have enjoyed in serving JVB.

Mark L. Savickas
Editor-in-Chief

Table 1

JVB Submissions, Rejection Rates, and Impact Factors (1977-2015).

Year	Submissions	Rejection Rate	Impact Factor
1977	201	66	
1978	173	67	
1979	170	66	
1980	163	67	
1981	197	67	
1982	177	76	
1983	187	80	
1984	141	79	
1985	152	73	
1986	194	75	
1987	168	72	
1988	172	70	
1989	152	70	
1990	160	74	
1991	161	74	
1992	160	76	
1993	161	81	
1994	134	74	
1995	141	68	
1996	106	73	
1997	151	63	
1998	116	64	
1999	149	60	
2000	131	74	1.36
2001	172	59	1.70
2002	184	65	1.99
2003	186	72	1.62
2004	193	80	1.79
2005	246	74	1.52
2006	286	82	2.30
2007	302	84	2.15
2008	462	82	2.21
2009	376	78	1.84
2010	428	73	2.60
2011	433	79	2.82
2012	511	85	2.36
2013	462	81	2.03
2014	486	81	2.59
2015	591		