

We Say What We Mean and We Mean What We Say

To select an appropriate title for this Journal, we received many propositions. There were several opinions. One asserted that like many journals published in this region, it is better to mention the name of the country of origin in the title. Another believed that the name of the organization to which the journal affiliated should be mentioned, *etc.* Finally, having faith and believing that this Journal will soon find its place in the international scientific community, we named it “*The International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.*”

We made serious efforts from the beginning to increase its international profile; we invited internationally well-known academics to serve on the Editorial Board, we developed a user-friendly Web site, and we followed international standards to ensure its quality (such as following the policies and guidance from the *World Association of Medical Editors*). After publication of only two issues of the Journal, we have exceeded our expectations (and this third issue promises to do the same). Currently *The IJOEM* Web site receives an average of 1000 hits a day and the number of visitors is steadily increasing since its launch in mid-December 2009. In May 2010, 36% of hits came from the US and Iran—half and half. So far, we have received submissions from the US, Canada, Sweden, Australia, India, Jamaica, Nigeria, Thailand, Egypt, and Iran. We believe this reflects our visibility and success in reaching our readers. We have chosen a good title for our Journal—we are walking the right path and “*international*” is exactly right.

I am happy to report that *The IJOEM* will also now be indexed by *Open J-Gate*. We uploaded the first two issues of the Journal to the EBSCO Publishing’s databases FTP site and the articles will be shortly available in all of its databases. I think this development is exciting and important and adds to the list of databases that now index the Journal. We expect to be indexed by other influential indexing systems which should increase our visibility.

None of these achievements could have been reached without your support. We rely on our readers, authors, reviewers and Editorial Board members. Without their interest and support, the Journal would not have had the impact we believe it has had. Thank you all for your kind attention and I hope you will continue to support this Journal.

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