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HAND has now been in circulation for one and a half years with six issues published. The last three have contained 80 pages of scientific content from animal research to clinical advances. The application for PubMed listing requires a minimum of four on-time publications of adequate volume. In 2007, 101 manuscripts were submitted compared to 31 in 2006. Since the 2008 annual meeting, 37 manuscripts have been submitted. The acceptance rate for 2007 was 62%. The average time for peer review was 22 days and time from submission to final decision and online publication was 58 days. Journal hits on SpringerLink were 361 (2006) and 2,136 (2007).

As is the experience of new journals, advertising is slow to pick up due to the uncertainty of journal success. With the help of the AAHS Board of Directors and Review Editors at the 2008 annual meeting, the number of

exhibitors who have expressed interest in advertising in our journal has expanded. I encourage AAHS members to talk in detail with persons and companies with which you interact and suggest they advertise in *HAND*.

I noticed a quantum increase in interest in *HAND* at the 2008 annual meeting and many of you have volunteered to be reviewers, whereas a similar request at the 2007 meeting garnered only one. *HAND* will expand its international exposure by adding reviewers and Editorial Board members from other countries. I thank all who have helped *HAND* flourish with reviews, suggestions, ideas and political support.

We are on our way, so keep up the interest, good work and keep submitting.

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