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***IJIR* in its 16th volume**

With this issue, *International Journal of Impotence Research: Journal of Sexual Medicine* enters its 16th year of publication. The journal continues its success, growing and serving both authors and readers interested in the areas of erectile dysfunction and female sexual dysfunction.

The strength of the journal was noted recently by Jacques Buvat, President of the International Society for Sexual and Impotence Research, in the Society's newsletter:

"The *International Journal of Impotence Research* ... is going particularly well, with an additional increase in its impact factor and in the number of submitted manuscripts."

ISSIR newsletter, December 2003

Growing impact factor

IJIR's current Impact Factor (June 2003) is its highest, now 2.539: an increase over the previous year from 1.950.* *IJIR* now ranks 9 out of 47 in ISI's Urology and Nephrology category.

***IJIR* online**

Online, *IJIR*'s content is now extensively used on the web. While abstracts and tables of contents are free, subscribers now have access to all the content since 1997—seven years worth and growing. Web usage has significantly increased over the last year. In December 2003, the journal's web site had over 30,000 web page views and 10,000 visitors—over

four times as many as a year ago. In addition, nearly 22,000 readers elect to receive the table of contents alert for each issue.

New for 2004: rapid publication ahead of print

NPG is dedicated to *IJIR*'s continued growth as a high-quality, international journal. We are also committed to maintaining widespread access and visibility of *IJIR*. From February, as a further service to authors and readers, we are introducing a rapid online publication system. Papers will be published online, ahead of print publication, and within just five weeks of acceptance of the article. Articles will be fully edited and proofread, and will be available in both PDF and HTML formats.

Editorial changes

With growth comes change and just prior to this issue's publication some members of the editorial team tendered their resignation to pursue other interests. All the material published in this issue was, however, peer-reviewed by the editorial board and other reviewers in the community and selected by the previous editorial team. We thank them for their service. New appointments will be made soon, and we can assure both authors and readers of continued publishing excellence in 2004.

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