Annual Report of the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor

The current Editor-in-Chief began his tenure in May 2004 at the conclusion of the AAPD annual session in San Francisco. At that meeting outgoing editor, Dr. Milton I. Houpt, was named Editor Emeritus after a very successful seven-year term. As a result of the work done by Dr. Houpt and his predecessors, the Editor-in-Chief inherited a mature journal with high national and international visibility.

Prior to assuming the position of Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Adair participated on a task force in 2004 to evaluate the role of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*, which the AAPD inherited from the American Society of Dentistry for Children when the two organizations merged. The task force was asked to determine whether the Academy should continue to publish the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*, and if so, how that journal would mesh with *Pediatric Dentistry* and other AAPD publications. The recommendation of the task force was to continue to publish the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*, to boost the quantity and quality of submissions, and to look for ways to distinguish it from *Pediatric Dentistry*.

Shortly after the 2004 annual session, Dr. Adair approached Dr. Rebecca Slayton at the University of Washington about becoming the Associate Editor of the AAPD and editor of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*. She and Dr. Adair met with the Publications staff at the Headquarters Office in January, and they continue to work closely to bring the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* back to the level of prominence it once had.

Manuscript statistics for *Pediatric Dentistry* for the past seven years are appended to this report. Of note is the reduction of submissions to *Pediatric Dentistry* over the past year. There has been a rebound in March and April, with a higher rate of submissions than in previous months. The increase in time from receipt of manuscript to publication can be attributed primarily to staff turnover in late 2004 with the departure of Susan McGuire. Other factors (delays with authors’ revision, some delays with reviewers) may also have contributed. Finally, the increase in the time from acceptance of clinical articles to publication (7 months) is related to the need to hold clinical articles in reserve until there are a sufficient number to warrant inclusion of a clinical section in an issue of the journal. Another factor contributing to the slightly extended time to publication was the need to devote one issue of the journal to the Academy’s Behavior Management Consensus Conference.

Manuscript statistics for the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* have not been formally collected in the last year but Dr. Slayton will tally the basic numbers of submissions and publications and have them available at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Minor cosmetic changes have been made to *Pediatric Dentistry* beginning with the first issue of volume 27 (2005). Further possible changes to both journals will be discussed with the journals’ editorial boards in our meeting scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2005. As an experiment, this meeting will include for the first time the editorial boards of both journals, and discussion of both journals will be conducted.
A major change in the way both journals conduct their business is the implementation of an online submission and review process using ScholarOne. This system was discussed and approved by the Board of Trustees at its October 2004 ad interim meeting. The system is scheduled for implementation by or shortly after the annual session.

An additional piece of good news is that Pediatric Dentistry now appears in Thomson’s Science Citation Index. As explained on the Thomson website: The Science Citation Index (SCI®) provides access to current and retrospective bibliographic information, author abstracts, and cited references found in 3,700 of the world’s leading scholarly science and technical journals covering more than 100 disciplines. Although the journal was added to the index in February, we have been prohibited from advertising this fact until Thomson released their logo to AAPD. This occurred in mid-April. We have also been notified that Pediatric Dentistry will be included in future Journal Citation Reports, which is published yearly by Thomson. According to Thomson: "The JCR provides quantitative tools for ranking, evaluating, categorizing, and comparing journals. The impact factor is one of these; it is a measure of the frequency with which the ‘average article’ in a journal has been cited in a particular year or period. The annual JCR impact factor is a ratio between citations and recent citable items published. Thus, the impact factor of a journal is calculated by dividing the number of current year citations to the source items published in that journal during the previous two years." The impact factor is considered important in some universities, particularly outside of the United States, when evaluating faculty for promotion and tenure. Pediatric Dentistry will not, however, receive a journal impact factor until 2007. Thomson evaluates over a 2-year period the number of times the journal is cited in other journals. So even though Pediatric Dentistry is on the list/index, it does not yet have an impact factor. Until the impact factor is received, the journal is still not be meeting the demands of the foreign authors whose career advancement depends on publishing in a journal with an SCI impact factor. The Journal of Dentistry for Children lost its SCI listing and impact factor more than a year ago. We will not be eligible to reapply for reinstatement until later in 2005.

The AAPD website has been updated to include information on both journals. Non-members can search for abstracts of articles in all past and current issues of Pediatric Dentistry and issues of the Journal of Dentistry for Children back to 2004 (the publication techniques used by ASDC prior to 2004 make it prohibitively expensive and time consuming to place articles from those issues on the Web). Members can obtain Adobe PDF versions of articles from the members-only section of the website. The Board may wish to consider making full articles available to non-members for a small fee. Both journals are also available online to libraries and other subscribers of online journal services through EBSCOHost and Elsevier (2003–present for Pediatric Dentistry; September 2003–present for the Journal of Dentistry for Children). Shortly after the completion of the annual session, the 2002 issues of the Journal of Dentistry for Children will be available on these services.

Seven members of the Pediatric Dentistry editorial board will finish their terms of service in May. They are:

Christopher Hughes    Ari Kupietzky
The editors wish to extend their thanks to these individuals for their contributions to *Pediatric Dentistry*. In addition, Susan Seybold has informed Dr. Adair that for personal reasons she will have to resign from the editorial board. He has accepted her resignation and thanked her for her service to the journal.

The following abstract editors deserve thanks for their work this past year in reviewing journals and writing abstracts for *Pediatric Dentistry*:

- Jorge Castillo
- Rosamund Harrison
- Greg McGann
- Fouad Salama
- Andrew Sonis
- Steven Chussid
- Kavita Kohli
- Alton McWhorter
- J.C. Shirley

All ad hoc reviewers for *Pediatric Dentistry* were thanked in the November/December issue of the journal. They are not listed in this report, but they have our thanks for lending their time and expertise to the journal.

Beginning in May 2005, the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* will establish 4-year terms on its editorial board. During the transition period, individuals have been appointed to serve 1, 2, 3 and 4 year terms. By the year 2009, all terms will be 4 years. All current editorial board members were contacted to determine their interest in continuing to serve on the editorial board for the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*. In addition, it was decided that no individual would be asked to serve on the editorial board of both journals concurrently. Therefore, there were eight members who will step down from the editorial board of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* in May. They are:

- Theodore P. Croll
- Peter Fos
- Joseph R. Jedrychowski
- John E. Nathan
- Catherine Flaitz
- M. John Hicks
- Paul E. Kittle, Jr.
- Kaaren Vargas

The editors wish to extend their thanks to these individuals for their contributions to the journal. Most of these individuals have chosen to continue to serve as ad hoc reviewers.

Six previous editorial board members will stay on and 19 new members have been invited to join the editorial board. These appointments are pending approval by the president-elect and other Academy leadership.

We wish to thank the AAPD Publications Staff, who have worked very hard over the past year to keep the editors on task and to assist in the production of two fine journals. In particular, we wish to thank Kristin McComas, Bob Gillmeister, Gina Sandoval, and Susan McGuire (who departed from AAPD in the fall of 2004). Sarah Seewoester has also been instrumental in placing back issues of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* online and making changes to the AAPD website to include information on that journal.

Goals for the coming year include:
1. Migration of submission and review process to ScholarOne.
2. Continue work to improve the quality of and develop a separate identity for the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*.
3. Continue cosmetic and editorial improvements to both journals.

**Action Items**

1. Appoint eight new members to the *Pediatric Dentistry* Editorial Board (4-year term):
   - Jorge Castillo    Steven Chussid
   - Rosamund Harrison  Kavita Kohli
   - Alton McWhorter    Fouad Salama
   - Andrew Sonis     Hashim Nainar
2. Appoint ten new abstract editors for *Pediatric Dentistry* (1-year term):
   - Tegwyn Brickhouse  Steven Ureles
   - Suzanne DeBall    Mary Le
   - Jeffrey Karp       Shantanu Lal
   - Tara Schafer      Ruwaida Tootla
   - Gail Molinari     Alan Milnes
3. Appoint new members to the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* editorial board with staggered terms of service until 2009 when all terms will be four years.
   - Jeffrey Dean (2006)     Steven Levy (2007)
   - Prashant Gagneja (2006)  

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Adair, Editor-in-Chief
Rebecca Slayton, Associate Editor

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Editor, *Journal of Dentistry for Children*
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