

# From the Editor

Do you remember what you were doing in 2012 even though that already seems like “the old days”? One thing you were likely doing was reading our “new” journal for the first time. With this issue, the IJRLD marks its 10th anniversary. Leading up to 2012, the Executive Board and the Publications Committee committed to revitalizing *Thalamus*, the original incarnation of this journal created by Academy founders William Cruickshank and Jacob Valk. We agreed that our mission for the journal would be to share the best work of Academy members with each other and with our global colleagues. Further, we sought to advance knowledge about learning disabilities. We have succeeded on both accounts, responding to the mission of informing and leading – novel research and scholarly commentary have appeared in these pages and have been shared with our global audience.

Journal publications play an important role in communicating scholarship. In ways different from conference presentations, social media exchanges, civic and civil service, and the contributions of public intellectuals, journal publications require detailed explications of science that are rigorously peer-reviewed before ever being published. Journals are repositories that are relied upon by scholars and others to advance knowledge – and practice – such as what we provide here about learning disabilities. Journal publications do not change the world in a day, but they do make vital contributions to its future.

Much has transpired in our world in the past 10 years, including within our field of learning disabilities. Thanks to the contributions of many Academy members and friends, we have built up the IJRLD to fulfill its mission in its first 10 years and, as such, have laid a strong foundation for going forward.

With this issue, I am completing my time as editor. Serving as editor has been a remarkable experience. I have been introduced to scholars and scholarship from around the world. I have been challenged to contemplate what is science and what is knowledge, and I have had a front row seat to the emerging future of our field. I have also been rewarded with the collaboration of many colleagues in the Academy. Several deserve special mention, but I dare not try to name them as there have been so many and I would not know where to stop. So, I offer a thank-you to all who have partnered with me in any way to produce and disseminate our journal.

Our mission to inform and lead will never be completed. Welcome to our new editors, Drs. Deborah Reed and Matthias Grünke. They will shape the journal into its next decade. We are fortunate that these two Academy fellows and leaders in our field have volunteered to provide their services. I look forward to what’s ahead for our Academy, our field, and our world, and to the IJRLD’s continuing role.

In Fellowship,  
David Scanlon