

During the little more than two years that I have been the *ABT* editor, there has been an increase in manuscripts submitted by authors from countries other than the United States. I view this as good news because it means our journal is becoming more international. During this time manuscripts have been received from authors in 19 different countries. Among the countries represented are Argentina, Canada, Chili, China, Croatia, England, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, and Venezuela. Some countries, such as China, Taiwan, Canada, Spain, and South Africa, have been represented by multiple submissions, some from different authors. Furthermore, the acceptance rate of 35% for foreign authors is

just slightly below that for U.S. authors in spite of some challenges to authors whose first language is not English.

I also sense an increase in the submission rate over the past three years. From February 2009 through May 2011, we received 311 manuscripts. The *ABT* only publishes nine issues per year. The November and December is combined and there are no issues in June and July. We can normally publish only six to eight articles per issue, depending on their length. This leaves some room for items such as the letter from the president, editorials, our five popular *ABT* department entries (Biology Today, Book Reviews, Classroom Media Reviews, Classroom Materials Reviews, and Sacred Bovines), and the necessary advertising and promotions that

financially support the *ABT*. So, you can see why the overall acceptance rate will run less than 40%.

I will continue to support and promote foreign submissions to the *ABT* because I believe that being increasingly international will also increase the prestige of the *ABT* and, thus, increase its quality and usefulness worldwide. This should also reflect positively on increased NABT membership. I would even like to have manuscripts published both in English and Spanish (our most frequent other language) in some future issues. Please encourage this trend of increased internationalization of the *ABT*!

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