

# A New Cover Signals a New Decade for JMLD

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It is my pleasure to introduce the new *Journal of Motor Learning and Development (JMLD)* cover and branding (Figure 1). As *JMLD* enters its second decade, the cover redesign provides a powerful visual statement of the Journal's ever growing commitment to advance the understanding of movement skill acquisition and expression across the lifespan. *JMLD*'s mission will be implemented through editorial policy and practice aimed at providing improved support for and wider engagement with the global community of motor learning and development scholars.

Researchers publishing in *JMLD* will now benefit from a higher journal profile. From 2023, *JMLD* will receive a Journal Impact Factor from Clarivate Analytics. This represents a significant development in the Journal's growth. *JMLD*'s Impact Factor will increase author preference and provide better recognition of the scientific communications it publishes.

*JMLD* is committed to supporting researchers from all countries and encouraging them to publish their work and data in the Journal. *JMLD* will act to address inequalities with respect to the scientists and data sets that are published. Underrepresentation of researchers or data due to socioeconomic factors is inconsistent with *JMLD*'s global mission. *JMLD* will enact editorial practices that will increase representation of the Global South (i.e., Majority World countries).

The Journal prides itself in providing a constructive and supportive peer-review experience, which will benefit trainee or early-career researchers in particular. For all researchers, the Journal will provide faster editorial decisions while still maintaining a high standard of rigor in peer-review quality. We will continue to develop and leverage parallel social media-based scientific communication channels to showcase the high-quality research published in *JMLD*.

At the outset of *JMLD*'s second decade, the Journal will increase engagement with the global community of motor learning and development scholars. *JMLD*'s Editorial Board will increase in size to provide more research leadership opportunities and better represent and celebrate the diversity of the motor learning and development scholarly community. A larger Editorial Board will provide a more inclusive voice in editorial decisions related to global recognition and representation, open and reproducible science, and journal impact and influence, for example. Expansion of the Editorial Board with a focus on improving diversity will allow for increased outreach

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**Figure 1** — The new cover design for the *Journal of Motor Learning and Development*.

to new and previous authors to attract more high-quality submissions. This will also grow the Journal's network of motor learning and development experts who can support *JMLD*'s mission through peer-review service.

A special word of thanks to our Editors-in-Chief Emerita, Gabrielle Wulf and Daniela Corbetta, and all the motor learning and development colleagues who have provided valuable contributions to *JMLD* over the past decade as authors, reviewers, readers, or Editorial Board members. It is because of you that *JMLD* is in an excellent position to enter its second decade. I look forward to your ongoing support and welcome any new colleagues to join *JMLD*'s mission of advancing motor learning and development theory and application across the world.