

1. As a web-based journal, we are able to compile statistics on our readership numbers and their countries of origin. We would like to thank the tens of thousands of readers who have visited our journal site to date, and we want to share with you that in the last month alone we have had visitors from 22 countries around the globe.
2. Congratulations to the winner of this year's "Bernard Dickens Student Award for Writing in Mental Health Ethics". He is Daniel L. Ambrosini, PhD candidate at the Mental Health and Law Laboratory, McGill University's Department of Psychiatry. His article entitled "Perceptions of Psychiatric Advance Directives Among Legal and Mental Health Professionals in Ontario and Quebec" was published in the November 2008 issue of the Journal. The award is given each year to a deserving student whose article demonstrates the qualities of writing that best exemplifies the focus of the Journal.
3. We have introduced a new section to this issue called "Research Reflections". On occasion, we have received submissions that highlight research challenges, or represent reflections on research in progress or planned research directions. While not meeting criteria for our regular article category, we felt that some of these pieces raised interesting questions or ideas that are worth sharing with our readers. Accordingly, we may from time to time publish pieces under the "Research Reflections" heading that have not been subject to blind peer review but that our Editorial Committee felt merited broader exposure to our frontline audience.
4. In addition to the professional literature indexes that already list the Journal of Ethics in Mental Health, it is a pleasure to announce that JEMH is now indexed in Medline.
5. We regret that the planned special theme issue articles on the relationship between the pharmaceutical industry and psychiatry have been unexpectedly delayed. These will be published shortly as a special theme supplement.

Enjoy this issue of JEMH. We would be pleased to receive your comments and suggestions. Your articles are always welcome.

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