

## ***CJNR* Reviewer of the Year: Dr. Souraya Sidani for the Year 2001**

In the March 2002 issue of the Journal, we announced the first ever *CJNR* “Reviewer of the Year” (Gagnon, 2002). This distinction is conferred annually on one reviewer from our pool of approximately two hundred, to draw attention to and celebrate the work done by *CJNR* reviewers as a whole. Our standards for reviews are high and include both quality criteria and timeliness (Gagnon, 2000). Each individual in our reviewer database is assessed on several indicators in a standardized fashion, enabling us to clearly identify those individuals who stand out among others in supporting the Journal’s mission.

Again this year, I have the privilege of highlighting the work of one of our excellent reviewers. This year’s recipient of the honour is Dr. Souraya Sidani, for her outstanding contributions during the year 2001. Dr. Sidani’s reviews have been consistently thorough and detailed. She provides general comments and specific feedback. Her assessments of various aspects of manuscripts are defended with clarity, and suggestions for other approaches the author may wish to consider in re-working the manuscript are offered. References to potentially useful books and articles are often provided, as are explanations of concepts that may be incorrectly employed by the author. As for timeliness, I only wish I could be so timely — we have received each of her reviews this year in less than 21 days! In short, I would be happy to be an author receiving a review carried out by Dr. Sidani.

Dr. Sidani is an associate professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. She received her PhD in Nursing from the University of Arizona, Tucson, in 1994. Her areas of expertise are quantitative research methods, intervention design and evaluation, and measurement. Dr. Sidani has been involved in projects evaluating various interventions such as the use of music to relieve dyspnea and anxiety in patients with COPD, an abilities-focused program of morning care to promote functioning in older adults with dementia, and organizational initiatives to enhance the quality of the nursing work environment; nursing-care delivery models and changes in nursing staffing patterns; the contribution of advanced-practice nurses (i.e., nurse practitioners and case managers) to patient and system outcomes; and the reliability, validity, and clinical utility of instruments measuring health-related phenomena such as fatigue in patients with cancer, feeding abilities in patients with cognitive impairment, and therapeutic self-care in

patients with acute illness. Her publication topics relate to methodological issues such as comparison between repeated measures analysis of variance and individual regression, the application of the multi-trait, multi-method logic in examining family relational data, and measuring intervention dose.

Our warmest congratulations to Dr. Sidani on being named Reviewer of the Year for all her efforts on behalf of the *CJNR*.

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