
From the Desk of the Editors

In March 1977 NASA launched the Voyager II spacecraft on its long interplanetary mission to the outer planets of the solar system. The Voyager was leading edge technology that was designed to greatly expand the scientific knowledge base of planetary scientists in preparation for future space travels. As it traveled past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and, then finally in 1990, Neptune, Voyager transmitted pictures and information back to Earth that were both unexpected and unprecedented. Scientists were overwhelmed by the experience and heralded the Voyager mission as the single most important event in the history of planetary science. Such success, however, did not take place without the constant feedback communication from Mission Control, which guided the spacecraft along its interplanetary journey.

While isokinetic technology and exercise sciences have not yet been applied in the environment of interplanetary space, the Editors of *Isokinetics and Exercise Science (IES)* can draw a somewhat facetious parallel between the Voyager spacecraft and this new journal, which experienced a successful "launch" in March 1991. Like Voyager, *IES* exists as a vehicle to collect and disseminate leading-edge information to its Mission Control so that such data may be effectively applied in an everyday setting. You, the readership of

IES, are the Mission Control of this journal, which exists to provide the most contemporary information on isokinetics and related sciences for successful applications in human performance and clinical situations.

Just as the Voyager scientists applauded the functions of their spacecraft, the initial response to *IES* from its readership has been overwhelmingly positive. We, the Editors of *IES*, are encouraged by this positive response and are most thankful for the feedback that the readership has provided in the first stages of our journal mission. Like the Voyager, we will continue to depend upon such feedback as a guide to the future direction of *IES* in order to assure the continued success of the journal. We welcome your feedback, comments, criticisms, suggestions, and, of course, manuscript submissions.

Hopefully, *IES* will experience a long and successful mission, just like Voyager, but with the realization that our goal is a bit more important than the exploration of interplanetary space: the advancement of isokinetic knowledge and the betterment of patient care programs. IES

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