

Moving forward with *Healthcare Infection*

This editorial highlights recent changes to *Healthcare Infection* (HI).

It is a great pleasure indeed to thank the immediate past Editor-in-Chief, Elizabeth Gillespie, for her outstanding work and dedication to the journal. Elizabeth has truly taken HI forward and on behalf of all ACIPC members, I wish her well in her new role. Elizabeth will be returning as Editor of HI once she has completed her term on the Executive Council. We have Associate Editors who form part of the Editorial team, and I warmly welcome Associate Professor Ramon Shaban, Professor Anne Gardner, Dr Deborah MacBeth and Dr Ann Bull as Associate Editors. Dr Ann Bull has continually contributed to HI through the production of *Journal Watch*. The last edition of *Journal Watch* appeared in Issue 2 of HI this year – thank you, Ann! In addition, the journal is fortunate to have an Editorial Board that encompasses a broad range and diversity of high-calibre researchers and infection control professionals.

You would have noticed that the journal has a new cover that brings it in line with the corporate look of the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd (ACIPC).

We also have revised guidelines for authors. The guidelines for authors have been amended and I ask contributors and reviewers to read them carefully. There are two important changes: accepted articles must highlight implications of the work for practice, policy and research, and all manuscripts must include statements on funding and conflict/s of interest. I remind readers that we accept 'Letters to the Editor'. I encourage contributions to HI by way of readers making use of this opportunity to respond to published articles or to communicate important developments to the profession.

I greatly look forward to leading HI into the future. This year, the journal is on track to have 40 000 article downloads and the highest number of annual submissions. A limited number of articles have also been made freely available on the journal's website. The journal is currently indexed by several databases, including Cinahl, Scopus, Australasian Medical Index, Embase, and, more recently, with Google Scholar; we are applying for indexation with ISI of Thomson Reuters.

In moving ahead, our collective efforts will advance the journal and its international reputation, particularly across Australasia and the Asia-Pacific region in quality healthcare infection publication scholarship.

I look forward to receiving *your* submission.



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