

Editors' Report

Jonine Jancey – Editor in Chief

Annual General Meeting, Australian Health Promotion Association Ltd

Overview

This report is for the 12 month period of **January 1 to December 31 2014**.

This report will focus on the management of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia (HPJA). It will discuss developments in the operations of the Journal and steps that are planned for the Journal in the coming year.

Editorial team

Over the course of 2014, the Editorial team remained stable, comprising Editor in Chief, Dr Jonine Jancey and Associate Editors, Professor Colin Binns, Professor Peter Howat (Curtin University) and Associate Professor Stacy Carter (University of Sydney).

The Editorial team continue to work collaboratively, scheduling meetings three times per year and maintaining regular correspondence via phone and email about manuscripts and issues relating to the Journal.

Editorial Assistant, Krysten Blackford has assisted the Editors in maintaining regular correspondence with the Editorial Board; organising Editorial team meetings; updating the Journal website and instructions to authors; and assisting the REET committee in a review.

Departure of Stacy Carter

Stacy Carter has informed the Editorial team that she will be stepping down from her Associate Editor position in December 2015. Stacy has indicated that she is willing to take-up a position on the Editorial Board. This would be a great asset to the Journal as Stacy has excellent ethics expertise and provides sound input into discussions of ethics. We would all like to extend our sincere thanks to Stacy for her commitment to the Editorial team and Journal.

In late 2014, a call for Expression of Interest (EOI) was distributed to the Editorial Board and significant others to disseminate to those considered suitable for the Associate Editor's role.

EOI were received from James Smith (Charles Darwin University) and Lisa Barnett (Deakin University) both members of the Editorial Board. The Australian Health Promotion Association Board has endorsed their appointments to the role of Associate Editor. James will commence in April 2015 and Lisa in September 2015; at that time they will step down from the Editorial Board.

Editorial Board

The Editorial Board, comprising 26 national and international researchers and practitioners, provides a broad range of skills and expertise supports the Journal (see attached list). The Editorial Board positively influences the Journal's profile, providing greater access to expert advice in a range of areas and in turn is supportive of manuscript submissions. We would like to thank the Editorial Board members for their contribution.

Editorial Board Meeting

An Editorial Board meeting was held during the Australian Health Promotion Conference in Alice Springs on September 5th. The following members attended the meeting.



Attending: Associate Prof Jonine Jancey (Editor in Chief), Gemma Crawford (AHPA), Associate Prof James Smith (AHPA; Editorial Board), Dr Justine Leavy (AHPA), Associate Professor Jenni Judd (Editorial Board), Dr Tarun Weeramanthri (Editorial Board), Dagmar Schmitt (Editorial Board), Dr Janette Young (Editorial Board), Jennifer Griggs (CSIRO), Krysten Blackford (Editors' Assistant).

Teleconference: Prof Peter Howat (Editor), Dr Caroline Hadley (CSIRO), Associate Prof Louise Signal (Editorial Board), Dr Lisa Barnett (Editorial Board), Prof Chris Rissel (Editorial Board), Associate Prof Ben Smith (Editorial Board), Cheryl Hutchins (Editorial Board), Melanie Smith (AHPA).

Attendees discussed the role of the Editorial Board; methods/strategies to increase the profile of the Journal, along with the quantity and quality of submissions to the Journal. A CSIRO representative was present to summarise their current and proposed strategies to increase the profile of the Journal. Minutes of the meeting are available should anyone wish to review them.

Face to face contact

Jonine has met face to face with a number of the Editorial Board over the course of the 2014 and discussed the Journal and their involvement. These discussions have been with Professor Annie Anderson (Dundee University); Dr Lisa Barnett (Deakin University); Dr Jo Clarkson (Healthway); Professor Lawrence Green (University of California) and Professor Kim Raine (University of Alberta).

Regular contact with Board members

With the help of the Editorial Assistant, the Editors have maintained regular contact with all Editorial Board members. The following emails have been distributed to the Editorial Board over 2014.

- Request for biography and photograph for Journal website
- Expression of Interest for Associate Editor role
- Call for publications – ethics special issue
- Request for support with promotion of the Journal e.g. discussion with presenters at conferences, interacting via twitter, Journal logo in email signature
- Editorial board meeting invitation & minutes
- Christmas email- thanking them for their support

Special thank you

A number of Editorial Board members have been particularly supportive in 2014. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Professor Chris Rissel (University of Sydney); Associate Professor Jenni Judd (James Cook University); Associate Professor James Smith (Charles Darwin University); and Dagmar Schmitt (NT Department of Health) for their support over the course of the year.

Themed Issues

Themed issues are viewed as a way to attract authors, profile the Journal, service the readership and differentiate the Journal. The following themed issues have run or are scheduled to run.

- *Healthy Places and Spaces* –was within the December 2014 issue. Chris Rissel kindly acted as guest Editor and we extend a sincere thank you.
- *Ethics in Health Promotion* – scheduled for the December 2015. It has been promoted and is underway. Stacy Carter will be the guest Editor for this issue, along with Professor Annette Braunack-Mayer (University of Adelaide).



CSIRO Publisher

In late 2014, Caroline Hadley resigned and Chris Anderson took on the publisher role. We look forward to establishing a beneficial working relationship with Chris. We would also like to thank Chris Zalewski (Editorial Assistant) for her support and our new Production Editor, Nicci Dodanwela.

Submission of manuscripts to the Journal

New submissions to the journal remain relatively stable (see Table 1 below).

As stated previously, the required quality of accepted manuscripts can be lowered by accepting 'lesser papers', but the preferred approach would be to increase the number of submissions of higher quality submissions, so that quality can be maintained and even increased. The Editors would like to see more submission to the Journal. Currently the acceptance rate is about 44%, so about half of those manuscripts that are submitted, are accepted.

Table 1: Summary of new submissions 2011- 2014

Year of submission	New submissions	Acceptance
2011	118	63 (61.2%)
2012	105	44 (39.6%)
2013	112	39 (39.0%)
2014	117	47 (43.9%)

Promotion and profiling of the Journal

The promotion and profiling of *HPJA* is now even more important to increase new submissions to the Journal particularly in a crowded market. The Editorial team have discussed promotional opportunities with CSIRO and have been active in promoting the Journal by:

- Working with the AHPA Board to promote the Journal via the AHPA website and national newsletter.
- Establishing a Journal twitter account – this has resulted in regular tweets of journal articles.
- Planning and undertaking regular contact with Editorial Board members.
- Presentations to government and non-government workforces on 'Writing for Publication.'
 - Health Department of WA, Perth 2014 (four day courses)– Jonine Jancey
 - HPJA professional Development (ongoing) in Western Australia, Perth 2014 – Jonine Jancey in collaboration with Justine Leavy
 - Health Promotion Association Australia Conference, Alice Springs 2014- Jonine Jancey
 - Higher Degree by Research Students, Perth 2014 – Jonine Jancey
- Identification of potential submissions to the Journal at conferences and seminars.
 - ISBNPA conference, San Diego, April 2014
 - AHPA conference, Alice Springs, September 2014
- Jonine Jancey was Guest Curator on the twitter account @WePublicHealth for one week in November, interviewing five authors who had published their research recently in the *HPJA*.

The Editors are open to new ways to promote/profile the Journal to increase the number of new submissions.



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