

Editorial

Welcome to JDRI Volume 5.

JDRI has been going through some really exciting changes which will make it even better than it was before.

We had some unfortunate delays in publishing last year and in particular you have had to wait a long time for Volume 4 Issue 4. I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have taken action to try to ensure this does not happen again in the future and I apologise again for the delays which you experienced, preventing you from enjoying and learning from JDRI for several months.

We have also taken this opportunity to make changes to the Editorial Board. In particular Dr Martin Benwell has stood down as Editor-in-Chief, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work in setting up the Journal with me and taking it through the first four Volumes. In his place we have appointed two new Regional Editors to work alongside me. Dr Jill Yelder, from UNITEC in Auckland, New Zealand, and Professor Scott Bowman, from the University of South Australia, will be heading up the two new regional editorial teams to ensure true international representation in the future. Each has established an editorial committee in their region, again ensuring that JDRI really does cover world issues of concern to clinical imaging staff. Both Jill and Scott have written a short biography so that you can get to know them. Papers can now be sent to any of the three Editors (though we expect people will approach a geographically relevant contact to submit papers).

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you for your opinions on JDRI and how you would like to see it develop in the future, so please do get in touch with any suggestions you have. Comments on style, material included,

standard of papers etc – we would love to hear your views.

Finally, we would also be pleased to hear from you if you have any papers to publish. We publish a wide range of articles from original research, case studies and illustrative guides to reviews and discussion pieces. If you are an established author we can offer you a fast review time and rapid publication of accepted work to ensure it is disseminated before it goes out of date. If you are a new author we are happy to assist you on any work you may have to get it ready for publication submission – so again please do get in touch.

In health we are living in very changeable times and it is absolutely essential we are all up to date with new directions, policies and also best practice. We hope that JDRI is a central part of your updating process and we want to work with you to make sure it meets your needs.

Enjoy reading this new Issue, which is packed with excellent papers and useful information. We look forward to the following Issues in Volume 5, which will be with you shortly.

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I am a Professor at the University of South Australia and the Dean of the University's Whyalla Campus. Prior to my present position I was the Head of the Department of Clinical Sciences at Charles Sturt University in New South Wales. I trained as a radiographer in the UK and was Head of the Department of Radiography and Imaging Sciences at the University College of St Martin in Lancaster. I hold the following qualifications: PhD, MA (Politics and Government), TDCR, HDCR, DCR and FAETC.

I am the Chair of the Australian Institutes of Radiography's Rural and Remote Radiography Board and a member of the South Australian Professional Accreditation and Education Committee. My research interests include the care

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of patients undergoing diagnostic tests, particularly in ultrasound. I also have a keen interest in all aspects of rural health and regional social and economic development.

I am very pleased to have an involvement in JDRI. I feel that the maturity of a profession can be gauged by the number of journals both domestic and international that it sponsors. The development of JDRI is certainly a big step forward for the radiographic profession. I am sure that Australian radiographers will find the Journal a great chance to learn about what is being achieved overseas and to promote the great work that they are doing. I am very much looking forward to developing a strong regional editorial board in Australia to promote this important journal.

Scott Bowman
Regional Editor for Australia

I am employed as the Programme Director for postgraduate Health Science programmes at UNITEC, in Auckland, New Zealand. My qualifications are: PhD, MEd (Adult & Higher Ed), Dip Ed (Health & Social Ed) and DCR(R).

My research interests to date have been primarily focused in the areas of the development of expertise in medical imaging, CPD, learning styles, and the evaluation of medical imaging programmes.

These interests have led to professional body involvement (NZIMRT) such as the Education Committee, and the CPD Steering Group and Assessment Panel, and the registration board's (MRTB) competency working party.

I am looking forward to the role as a Regional Editor for JDRI to give radiographers in New Zealand the opportunity to publish their work internationally, and to profile some of the excellent academic work and practice that is occurring.

The committee working with me includes Andrea Thompson, Gay Dungey, Mark McNeill, Frances Cowie and Neelam Jani.

Jill Yelder
Regional Editor for New Zealand