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The exciting news for APJHM is that we have recently been reviewed and evaluated by the Content Selection and Advisory Board (CSAB) of Scopus with a result that our APJHM will be accepted for inclusion in Scopus.

Scopus is said to be the largest abstract and citation database of peer reviewed literature of scientific journals, books and conference proceedings and can be viewed at https://www.elsevier.com/en-au/solutions/scopus.

In advising APJHM of our acceptance we have been advised that the evaluation demonstrated increased citedness of our articles in Scopus based journals. This describes an indicator of the value placed on APJHM by the health management literature. Additional feedback and comments from the Scopus evaluation conclude that the Journal:

'+ The journal consistently includes articles that are scientifically sound and relevant to an international academic or professional audience in this field.

+ The journal has scholarly relevance as evidenced by citations in other journals currently covered by Scopus.

+ The abstracts are generally clear and provide an excellent summary of each article's content.

+ The abstracts are in keeping with Scopus English Language requirements.

+ In general, the content of the articles is consistent with the scope and aims of the journal.

+ The articles are consistently of high academic quality, consistent with the journal's stated aims.

+ The articles are generally well written and understandable.

+ The journal has clear aims and scope/journal policies that are consistent with the journal's content.

+ Peer review type is clearly stated and is supported by appropriate reviewer guidelines.'

So very positive news for APJHM and for authors, academics, researchers and doctoral students. So please pass on the 'word' to others. The actual process of inclusion is something that will occur over the next few months. We will keep you informed.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Our colleagues in Hong Kong have again asked for our participation in a special issue based around their annual Conference to be held in Hong Kong in January. The Conference is being organised by the Centre for Ageing and Healthcare Management Research, School of Professional Education and Executive Development, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Our colleague Professor Peter P. Yuen is the conference Chair. The Conference is held in January and details of how to submit abstracts and attend etc are at http://healthconf2020.cpce-polyu.edu.hk/.

The theme of the Conference is 'Ageing with Health and Dignity: Implications for Public Policy, Service Delivery, Workforce, Technology and Financing'. If your article or abstract is accepted for the conference, we will consider for publication in the mid-year the special issue of APJHM. In addition, we will also consider article for inclusion from authors directly submitting to APJHM, given that in Australia we are in the middle of a Royal Commission into Ageing. There should be plenty of interest from authors given the public exposure of details of the Royal Commission.

The APJHM has had a request for a second Special Issue from colleagues in India at the Rajagiri Business School,

Kerala, India from the 5th to the 7th February 2020. The theme of this 23rd International Conference on IT Applications and Management is Future of Work in a Hyper-connected World'. Details of the conference are at http://conference.rajagiribusinessschool.edu.in/ITAM23/. If

you have an interest in this conference or have a health-related topic within this theme we would consider a special issue.

ARTICLES IN THIS ISSUE

The Editorial in this issue continues to explore the theme of health reform by traversing some recent experiences of the Editor in rural health contexts that traverse big data, technology, the social capital of health professionals all currently operating in drought and fire ravaged circumstances. After we pass the current circumstances there will be a need to rebuild rural communities and sustainable health services and workforce should be part of the community building.

Our first article in this Issue is by Abed Aktam Anjrini, Kruger and Tennant and addresses the topic of mapping isolation of risk for sporadic conditions, in this specific case, oral cellulitis in Western Australia. The authors utilised geographic information systems to predict risk in a risk isolation model that that used real Western Australia data which allowed the authors to visualise the data from Perth, the greater metropolitan area and the State of Western Australia, and to demonstrate risk categorisation and relationships.

The next article by Rakesh Kumar Sharmar and Rohtash examines the 'feasibility of eHealth implementation in India by learning from the global experience'. The article is an exploratory study that examines implementation at four different levels of practitioner, patients, organisational and government. The authors describe their findings at each level and suggests that the findings might help decision makers at different levels in India to successfully integrate information technology with healthcare.

Esswood and Olley provide our next article that explores the implementation of open disclosure in the Asian context of Singapore. This article traverses the experience of other nations in this area with a focus towards how Singapore might implement policy of open disclosure with the emphasis on the concept of 'apology' within an Asian context.

Our next article is by Muhammad Arif, Cruikshank and Fraser and is entitled 'to remain, migrate abroad or resettle: A complex dynamic processing affecting Pakistani physicians career decisions. This is an important article given the inter dependence of many countries in the Australian and the Asia Pacific on a reliance on overseas trained health professional and, the impact on home countries.

In accordance with our new policy of publish when ready we nay have more articles to add to this issue in the new year. On Behalf of myself and Yaping Liu the APJHM wishes you a pleasant festive season and new year.

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