

FROM THE EDITOR

As this year comes to an end, I am delighted to review our achievements with the journal. I now believe we offer authors a timely and constructive review process aimed at maximising their efforts to publish research and articles of interest to the widest possible military medical community. I believe our ties with corporate ventures such as international commercial military medical conferences has been responsible for the marked increase in the number of submissions we receive from overseas with authors from Spain, Sri Lanka, USA and Denmark joining those outlined in a previous edition. Not only is our author base become broader geographically, but also there is a slow but definite increase in submissions from authors other than doctors with recent submissions from Medical Support Officers, Dentists, Physiotherapists and medical students providing interesting fare and confirming the Journal's Ethos to publish articles that "pertain to the practice of military medicine in its broadest sense"

I am also please to see that readers are starting to use the journal as an avenue to express their opinions views on thorny topics of relevance, be that through a formal 'Personal View'

article or by Letters to The Editor, both of which are warmly received and are published with the aim of stimulating debate. We have focussed on Maxillofacial Surgery and Primary Health Care and this edition is accompanied by a supplement devoted to Defence Anaesthesia. Next year, altitude medicine, rehabilitation and critical decision making in trauma will be highlighted and planning is well underway for 2012.

I wish to express my personal thanks to all those who have helped the journal this year, particularly the reviewers without whom we would not be able to publish a 'peer reviewed journal' and I would urge any reader of what ever rank, discipline or trade who feels that they can contribute by reviewing articles to email me. The journal continually evolves but currently stands in as healthy a place as it has done for many years and my challenge is to continue to manage its growth and improvement to fulfil the requirements of its readership. I am always keen to hear suggestions as to how we might achieve this.

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