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Rhona Macdonald, Managing Editor

The Journal's Management Committee and Editorial Team would like to warmly acknowledge the contributions of JEPHC's Section Editor for media reviews, Ramon Shaban as he farewells JEPHC to embark on the prestigious new role of Editor-In-Chief for the Australasian Emergency Nursing Journal in addition to a joint appointment with the Princess Alexandra Hospital and Griffith University as a Clinical Research Fellow.

Ramon has a long association with JEPHC since 2003, as an author and peer-reviewer, and as Section Editor (Book and Media Reviews) since 2005. In that time, Ramon has excelled in all aspects of his contributions to the journal, which is demonstrated by the quality of Ramon's publications and in feedback received from those authors Ramon has advised and encouraged in their efforts to write for the journal. This has been concurrent with Ramon's PhD thesis which he commenced in 2004, and which reports a study of paramedic clinical judgment and decision-making in the Queensland pre-hospital care setting. The specific focus of this research is mental illness.

As an author, Ramon has published fourteen articles in the journal, seven of which are peer-reviewed papers, and one of which received the journal's annual award of Best Student Paper in the category of Higher Degree by Research, in 2004. Many of Ramon's articles have also been cited by a variety of reputable health organisations and authors, which is a testament to the quality of his work.

To foster and encourage further quality contributions to the journal, Ramon has also been pivotal as a contributor to the development of the Writer's Workshop in a joint initiative with the Journal's Editorial Team. Ramon claims: 'My view is that everyone can contribute to the growth of our profession, and that it doesn't take a phd to do so. Letters to the Editor, book reviews and case studies are great places to start'.

When asked what he felt he had gained most from his association with JEPHC, Ramon said: 'I owe much to the JEPHC for allowing me to develop as an author, reviewer and editor. The JEPHC is a wonderful place for budding authors to get into professional writing and publishing. I feel I have played a small part in contributing to evolution of our profession, that I am very proud of. I gained much personal satisfaction from assisting new and budding authors with their papers and manuscripts'.

Now in the final stages of completing his PhD, Ramon is looking forward to a well deserved break in December, when he takes off for a five week holiday in Europe.

For the future, Ramon would eventually like to 'work globally, and then towards a Clinical Chair that maintains a balance of clinical practice, research, scholarship and teaching in

emergency care. Although right now I have lots to do in the new role, so... one step at a time!'

Our very best wishes go with Ramon as he embarks on his new venture, and as he progresses through the future.

If you would like to be considered as a book or media reviewer for JEPHC, please download and complete an [application form](#), and submit by fax or email as indicated on the form.

As we complete our fifth volume and fifth year of production with this issue, the Management Committee would also like to acknowledge and thank all authors and [peer reviewers](#) who have contributed to the journal this year. The much valued and exceptional work of our peer reviewers is a reflection of their dedication and commitment to maintaining standards in scholarly publication, and without which the journal would not be able to reach its milestones and achievements.

We are pleased to see that contributions are continuing to grow and we look forward to providing our readers with a healthy variety of peer reviewed papers that will be of much interest and significance in 2008 as new areas of research are evolving and being explored.

Please take time to view our [current issue](#), which has some very interesting articles from the UK, Sweden and more locally, Melbourne. All have a focus on prehospital and community education. Additionally, we hope you will find our usual conference and website reviews of interest for some lighter reading.

Finally, on behalf of the Management Committee and Editorial Team, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our friends around the world, a very safe, happy and peaceful Festive Season and we look forward to your continuing support and interest in JEPHC throughout 2008.

Seasons Greetings and safe travels!