

From the Editorial Assistant

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We are nearly there with the production of Pacific Health Dialog. We had mentioned time and time again that we are trying our best to catch up with the issues. We were hoping to have published the "Health Promotion in the Pacific" and "Health Capacity Development in the Pacific" to enable us to be on track. But we were delayed due to all sorts of circumstances so we just managed to accumulate this issue, Pacific Public Health 3. So hopefully by the end of 2007 we can hoist the flag of Pacific Health Dialog and be proud that we have made on time and continue with the specific goal of timely publications.

This issue is mainly a collation of articles from the PHD stock so we hope you do enjoy reading it and if you noticed for this volume, Volume 13, its actually the first time that we have published our journals in an orange colour, so we are trying to experiment with the whole lot of colours to give PHD a more refreshing look.

There are major plans ahead for Pacific Health Dialog and we will surely keep our faithful readers and contributors of upcoming developments. The first one would be to address the constant complains of not having the journal available online, so good news to those of you who have access to the internet, we have just managed to upload the first few issues of Pacific Health Dialog onto the net and it can be accessed through <http://www.pacificchrc.org/archive.asp>.

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PHD MATTERS

*Thirteen years ago PHD matters, (PHD; 1994, 1(i): p83), stated,
 "... the age of the paper does not necessarily date the ideas. After all changes in Pacific ideology has been slow and issues of yesteryears are still prominently appropriate to-day"*