

From the Editor

Wow! Congratulations to the Fiji School of Medicine (FSMed) Team, albeit now a part of the Fiji National University. It's now 125 years of service to the Pacific and still going strong! This deserves congratulations and celebration!

I am honoured to have spent 2001-2005 on the FSMed staff, during the "golden years of public health", as Dr Giuseppe Cuboni called it; with the outreach courses in Palau, Kosrae, Yap, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, etc. Dr Cuboni have since moved on to a public health evangelistic mission to Micronesia; as metastasis of FSMed! The distance learning has taken a dive and many other changes including a new Dean of distinction. What has PHD contributed to FSMed? This question the issue editors may want to address. After all PHD found a home at FSMed during its years of delinquency.

The FSMed have revived and improved the Pacific Health Dialog (PHD) website www.pacifichealthdialog.org.fj. Thanks to Jorama Koroivawai and Dr Berlin Kafoa for all their efforts. The FSMed bought out Mr. Biggs' interests on PHD and now shares it with the Pasifika Medical Association of New Zealand (PMA). We are still considering the ultimate ownership of PHD perhaps by a regional consortium consisting of: Pasifika@Massey, Massey University; FSMed; PMA; Ministry of Health, Federated States of Micronesia; Pacific Health Officers, Association(PIHOA), Palau and Masilamea Press. (www.masilameapress.com); and any others interested.

PHD is now 16 years old, more or less! We are still trying to catch up with the 2008 issues. One of them will edited by Dr. Gerhard Sundborn (gerhard.sundborn@aut.ac.nz) from Auckland University of Technology. In

2011 Dr. Greg Dever (gregd@pihoa.org) will be funding and editing a PHD issue on Pacific Ear Health. If you are interested on pulling an issue together please let me know as soon as possible. PHD needs to become 21st with a flourish! May be FSMed will take on more PHD issues ASAP.

You must have noted the rebranding of PHD! The production is at Pasifika@Massey and the publisher is Masilamea Press Limited. Pacificans are needed for the new Editor-in Chief and trainee editors' positions. This of course is urgent as some of us are "**long in the teeth**"!

Any young men and especially women out there to rise to the challenges and a well paid job!

It's labour of love that has made PHD matters. We look towards to the next 16 years, more or less, for the same intensity of love. Keep the papers COMING!

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