

From the Editorial Assistants

The year 2010 has been one with many challenges and excitements. The privilege of producing second edition of the Pacific Health Dialog (PHD) for 2010 was indeed a challenge for the Fiji School of Medicine (FSMed). The excitements of year 2010 included the celebrations of 125th Anniversary of the Fiji School of Medicine and 118 years of existence of the Fiji School of Nursing. It was also the first year of the Fiji National University. Importantly, for the Research Unit of FSMed, it was the year we commenced writing workshops for interested health workers.

It was indeed a busy year and the Pacific Health Dialog gave us an opportunity to showcase the budding health writers of FSMed and the Pacific. It was a milestone for us as we attempted to interest health workers to take pen to paper and to document their concerns and issues of interest for Pacific Islanders. Since inception of the Publications Officer position within the Research Unit we have conducted three writing workshops, two writing retreats and several coffee shop sessions as a support system for the budding writers.

To the established and the novice writers whose manuscripts are in this edition of PHD, congratulations and we hope you will continue to write articles on Pacific health for your Island colleagues and the rest of the world. For those who are contemplating writing an article, do not give up as there will be many more opportunities to get your manuscript published in the 2011 editions of the Pacific Health Dialog
<http://www.pacifichealthdialog.org.fj/> or in Pacific Health Voices
<http://www.pacifichealthvoices.org/>.

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