

Editor's note

The year's end coincides with significant milestones in the continued growth of the SAJCN. The Management Board's deliberations during the course of the year have crystallised in the creation of an Editorial Board. The latter will be responsible for the editorial functions of the SAJCN and will consist of the Editor-in-Chief, Deputy Editors, Section Editors and Editorial Board members. Further details will be announced in due course.

Following successful negotiations, Medpharm Publications will in future co-publish the SAJCN in collaboration with Taylor and Francis. A new contract has been signed with effect January 2016. According to the new agreement the SAJCN will be hosted on the Taylor and Francis Online platform (www.tandfonline.com) while concurrently retaining a separate Medpharm portal. The current www.sajcn.co.za URL will be redirected to the Taylor and Francis Online platform. The journal will eventually also be linked and published as a separate, open access journal on the www.cogentOA.com platform. An editorial and bibliometric strategy will be developed to increase high-level indexing and abstracting coverage for the SAJCN's research domain, to gaining of international Impact Factors and to include the SAJCN's in MEDLINE to boost engagement with individual articles. The agreement will also enable the digitization and meta-tagging of all back issues of the SAJCN as well as plagiarism checking through the highly effective CrossCheck system. Original communication articles will be published as soon as they are accepted in an e-pub, before print fashion with digital object identifier (DOI) numbers. The SAJCN will also have an online submission and peer review management system (Editorial Manager®) linking seamlessly to the Taylor and Francis web-based production tracking system, liaising with a Medpharm coordinator.

The agreement also includes a targeted regional and global marketing and profile raising activities as well as the development of an online advertising capability.

The SAJCN, together with our publisher, Medpharm Publications, having considered the changing scholarly publishing environment unanimously concluded that this agreement was the best way forward in growing further this well-established journal and the important research it publishes by making it available on a global scale. The new publishing platform will allow the SAJCN to publish articles online within four weeks from the date of acceptance.

In line with other on-line open access Journals, an author publishing charge will be introduced for all new, unsolicited submissions that will be published in 2017. The publication fee will be R2,500.00 and R5,000.00, respectively, for paid-up Society members (ADSA, Nutrition Society of South Africa and SASPEN) and Society non-members per published manuscript. The publications fee for International members will be \$750.00 per published manuscript. Author publishing fees will not apply to commissioned review articles.

The SAJCN wishes all its readers the very best for a blessed Festive Season and looks very forward to implementing and nurturing these major developments which will place the SAJCN on a new growth trajectory in 2016. Clearly, the joint efforts and continued support of the SAJCN's readers, its Management and Editorial Boards, and its publishers will be of paramount importance in achieving this noble aim.

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