

Editor's note

The SAJCN will undoubtedly continue on its growth trajectory starting in this first 2009 issue with the introduction of Case Reports, a new feature which will initially form part of the SASPEN News column.

The aim of the Case Reports will be to share clinical experience, update practitioners on the approach to management of the specific case, and hopefully stimulate debate and correspondence on the specifics of a given clinical case on evidence-based management. The intention is to stimulate research in an African setting on issues in need of further investigation and new approaches to management. The introduction of the Case Reports will also ensure more frequently published manuscripts in the clinical practice of dietetics in the SAJCN. The invited review on the management of thermal injury in the current issue is an example of the type of topics that will be covered in future issues of the SAJCN, together of course with original communications. All clinicians in dietetics are encouraged to submit contributions to the Case Reports section through the SASPEN secretariat (bernah@absamail.co.za or docvan@telkomsa.net).

The second new feature in 2009 will be introduced in the June issue of the SAJCN, i.e. SAJCN News section, and will consist of two sub-sections, one for professional and the second for industry news. Both sub-sections will rely *heavily* on our subscribers providing such news items in the respective domains. In order to encourage contributions to the forthcoming News section, the publishers of the SAJCN, Medpharm Publications, have made prizes available (R300) for each piece of *Professional News* (digital photos as appropriate are welcome) that is accepted for publication in the Professional News sub-section of the SAJCN. A prize of R2500 will be awarded for the best piece of news at the end of each calendar year and will be determined by a panel of experts appointed specifically for this purpose. In the case of the *Industry News* subsection, subscribers in industry are encouraged to submit summaries (not to exceed 150 words) plus a simple pack shot (high resolution jpeg) of available or new nutrition products. The summaries should not be seen as a means of advertising but should rather focus on the unique characteristics of a given product and its recommended uses.

Other forthcoming developments in the industry domain will also be welcome. Such summaries, if accepted for inclusion, will be published free of charge and should be sent to Medpharm Publications (prmarais@mweb.co.za) for consideration by the Editor or an appointed committee as necessary/appropriate. Further details for both News sub-sections will appear on line (www.sajcn.co.za) during the course of March 2009.

Finally, on behalf of the SAJCN's Management Board, I thank you all for your support in 2008 and look forward very much to receiving your increased and continued support in 2009 and beyond.