

Editorial Assistant

Setita Naqelevuki

First of all I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Vikashni Chand who has left us to settle in the Land of the Long White Cloud, I have picked up from where she has left off to continue the works and running of the Pacific Health Dialog. This issue is the first one that I have worked on and of course Ms. Chand started it off. So then final touches was done by the Editor Professor Sitaleki Finau.

I would like to thank all the authors that have contributed to this Pacific Public Health Issue No. 1 and not forgetting the kind assistance of all our reviewers for their enormous time and effort they put in to make this journal work. We thank the following reviewers for their labour of love:

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Jan Pryor	Fiji
Naren Singh	Fiji
Murray Bailey	Fiji
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Hien Cuboni	Fiji
Guiseppe Cuboni	Fiji
Greg Dever	Palau
Victor Yano	Palau
Eseta Finau	New Zealand
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Victor Yano	Palau
Sunia Foliaki	Tonga
Satu Viali	Samoa
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Pacific Health Dialog is in dire need of catching up on all issues so that it actually works and also build a better and more systematic way in dealing with all who submit papers to be published. So that's why I'm here and this is the first time that we actually have a full time person working as an Editorial Assistant. This is indeed a challenge for me and I hope I can lift Pacific Health Dialog to a new level. This would also include establishing a PHD website with all our back issues available online, that is something that we are working on right now.

With that said I hope papers will keep pouring in and the next issue will be Pacific Public Health No. 2 and to all our subscribers that's another issue to look forward to.

Vinaka.

Setita Naqelevuki.

Our lives are like the course of the sun. At the darkest moments there is promise of daylight.
(London Times Editorial 24/12/84)

Sitaleki A. Finau
PHD Editor

It has been a mixed up old time with staff changes; PHD office relocation to Suva; and funding challenges. It's now 2005 and we are just catching up with Volume 10, Number 2, 2003 issue of Pacific Health Dialog. This is the ten year old celebration of Pacific Health Dialog in its twelfth year! There you, its Pacific time in action!

We have distributed "Cancer in the Pacific" Volume 11, No. 2, September 2004. This was the last issue organized from Auckland. Much of the work was done in Hawaii by all those Hawaiians. I thank them all and also apologize for being remiss on my editorial contribution. My apologies for the delays but we are just settling down to catch up and do better at our new Fiji School of Medicine base in Suva. Finally, PHD has a home and will no longer be as delinquent as the editor.

The Guest Editorial for this issue is brought to you by Dr. Wame Baravilala. He too has moved to UNFPA Suva office from the FSM deanery. The Fiji School of Medicine is still recovering from his departure. PHD wishes Wame well and look forward to his continuing support.

This PHD issue is about all sorts of matters related to Pacific public health. It covers HIV/AIDS, Kava, diabetes, SIDS, traditional and indigenous issues, etc. The cover painting, "Narcissus Complex", is PHD looking at itself and liking what it sees but also facing its mortality. The editorial staff will do its best to ensure longevity. The scope of this issue is as broad and as deep as the Pacific Ocean that connects us all. There is a second issue on Pacific public health coming after this one.

We must again thank Peter and Glenys Biggs for having brought PHD to fruition some twelve years ago. They have fostered PHD all these years till now with a move to a permanent home in Suva. They have nurtured its growth till its current adolescent status. PHD has now moved to board at Fiji School of Medicine. Here it will stay probably till graduation. People are likely to come and go but PHD will stay till at least adulthood. Setita the new Editorial Assistant, will take over the many aspects of nurturing this adolescent Pacific effort to stay connected.

It's this will and support to grow that will continue to make PHD matters. You are invited to be part of this growth. Please talk to the editor about how you may contribute to PHD so that you matter.

Mid pleasures and palaces we may roam,
Be it over so humble, there is no place like home
J.H. Payer (1791-1852)