

## From the editor: Sitaleki A. Finau



It's been 15 years and 30 issues since Pacific Health Dialog started in 1994. The journal is about to exit childhood and perhaps cease to be delinquent. The home of the Health Research Council of the Pacific changed and the location of PHD production has moved to the Directorate Pasifika@Massey, Massey University, Albany, Auckland.

This issue has been led from The Ministry of Health Fiji. Thanks to Dr. Shareen Ali for allowing Pacific Health Dialog to publish some of the papers from the Fiji workshop on Health research she led. The last issue we most sincerely thank Le Va for all the works on the entirety of the last issue.

The development of human resources for health in the Pacific is the buzz. As Dr Gregory Dever would say, *"Without human resources there is no health"*. Many concur with this sentiment and are frantically planning in an environment of little to no resources during a period of economic down turn. The PHD 2007; Volume 14 No. 1 has examples of successful efforts in the face of such adversity. Basically the papers said, *"Micronesia is lucky it has JABSOM."*

However may I suggest that, *"JABSOM is lucky it has Micronesia and Uncle Sam"*.

"Mike who?" A son of Uncle Sam allegedly asked sometimes not so long ago.

It makes the rest of the Pacific salivates in anticipation of better days. Perhaps when the Fiji School of Medicine psyche becomes localized again and the Northern Community Colleges swings into gear with the help of JABSOM.

After 2007 we hoped to catch up with production and produce the 2009 issues on time! This we are doing and feel good about it. We are still catching up with the Medline database listings and abstracts and the PHD webpage: [www.pacifichealthdialog.org.fj](http://www.pacifichealthdialog.org.fj) now managed by Fiji School of Medicine.

As for the future of PHD its being discussed among supporters to have a formal collaborative parentage to ensure sustainability and growth for all the future. IT IS THE HOPE TO ELIMINATE THE Claims Mr Biggs has been making about intellectual property of Pacific Health Dialog after 7 volumes of paid assistance!

The next issue is Health in the Federated States of Micronesia. It will be ushering in the New Year 2010. The PHD editorial team is updating the Board of Advisors' list. If you are interested please write to us with curriculum vitae. This is your opportunity to receive PHD regularly with a little bit of labour of love! PHD is especially developing Pacificans in all aspects of professional publication and building of personal profiles or curriculum vitae. This is such an opportunity for that eventuality. So please help PHD to help yourself and other Pacificans!.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have been with PHD to date. We farewell with gratitude many stalwart souls who have advised supported and encouraged PHD over the years. Amongst them is Dr Jim Samisoni who was with us at birth, infancy and childhood of PHD. Jim was a parent, mentor, colleague and friend. PHD toasts you:

*"To old friends, new friends, and no more friends! God Speed Sir!"*



## PHD APOLOGIES

The Editor and staff of Pacific Health Dialog wish to apologise unreservedly to Dr Andre Renzaho for an error which resulted in his manuscript "Food Insecurity, malnutrition and mortality in Maewo and Ambae islands, Vanuatu" being published in Pacific Health Dialog 11, No.1, pages 12-21 (2004) after he requested it be withdrawn. Both Dr Renzaho and Pacific Health Dialog wish to assure readers that the reason for the request to withdraw the manuscript was not related in any way to the design of the study, the analysis of the results or their interpretation rather it reflected the author's wish to publish the manuscript in another journal because of the delays in publication of Pacific Health Dialog.

We wish to also address the printing error for the same issue in Original Papers titled "Haemophilus Influenzae Type B Infection in Children in Pacific Countries" whereby the leading authors name was placed second in the actual article.

Any inconvenience caused to the 2 authors is highly regretted.



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*"You don't have to see the whole staircase,  
just take the first step."*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

