

## From The Editor: PHD Matters



***Kashlelia*** one and all!

My most sincere congratulations to the Editorial Team from Pohnpei for a job well done! It's definitely a substantial labour of love. Such tireless efforts, for the collective good is what Pacificans are about.

Many years ago Mr. Nena Nena, the Hon. Secretary of Health, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), designated Marcus Samo to initiate a PHD issue on and about FSM. Finally its here with a bang! There have been earlier issues of PHD based in Pohnpei but it's dwarfed by this effort. It was some 15 years ago that the inaugural issue of PHD emerged from Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program (PB MOTP, the Old M.O. School!)

It is pleasing to see some of the PBMOTP graduates feature prominently in this issue. Welcome also to the FSM Community College of Micronesia!

This issue also salutes Dr. Jim Samisoni who is fondly remembered for his contributions to Micronesia and PBMOTP.

Last but not least let me invite one and all to participate in maintaining Pacific Health Dialog as the leading journal of Pacific health for Pacificans by Pacificans. Just drop the editor a line and suggest how you may contribute to making PHD matter.

Following closely behind this issue will be the two catch up issues of 2008, Volume 14, No. 3 & 4. In September 2010, Dr. Berlin Kafoa of the Fiji School of Medicine, Suva will lead the production of PHD, 2010, Volume 17; No. 2. The other issues on the books to date include: "**Ear Health in the Pacific**" with Dr. Greg Dever and Ms Perry Moon from Palau and PIHOA; and "**Health informative Systems**" with **Audrey Aumua in Brisbane**. Please send papers for these issues as soon as they are ready, this will expedite processing and production. After all we want to stay on top!

I am still looking for Assistant Editors as a part of succession planning. Please put your hands up and let me know.

Last but not least PHD is now an organ of Pasifika Medical Associations in a consortium with other parties, including Directorate Pasifika@Massey; PIHOA, Masilamea Press; Tongan Nurses Association of New Zealand; Fiji School of Medicine; and any other Pacific participants interested. The details are being discussed before incorporation. Please drop an expression of interest on consortium membership to the Editor!

These will make PHD matter!  
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