

COMMENTARY

THE GHANA MEDICAL JOURNAL IN MEDLINE

The Ghana Medical Journal was established in 1962 by the Ghana Medical Association and has remained one of the most important activities of the Association. In September this year the journal will be 50 years old, having had its fair share of turmoil and jubilation. A significant event in the year that is just gone by, 2011, is the inclusion of the Ghana Medical Journal in Medline. Although this is a significant achievement for the editorial team it also marks the re-instatement of the journal in this prestigious indexing system. Following the issue of June 1981 the journal disappeared from circulation until September 1987. This gap in production affected the inclusion of the journal in Medline. The editorial of the September 1987 issue makes interesting reading and highlights one of the major challenges of journals run entirely on voluntary editorial basis.¹

A number of factors have contributed to the current status of the journal. There has been a conscious effort in improving the quality of submissions through author and reviewer workshops. The establishment of the Forum of African Medical Editors (FAME) helped bring together editors of African health journals and the facilitation of editorial and reviewer guidelines. The African Journals Partnership Project (AJPP), funded by the National Library of Medicine of the National Institutes of Health of the United States of America administered through the Council of Science Editors (CSE) has provided resources to six African journals including the Ghana Medical Journal to improve quality of manuscripts and production (visit www.ajpp-online.com). Through the AJPP additional publication resources have been provided including online submission and peer review through ScholarOne (www.scholarone.com) and XML conversion for online indexing by SPi (www.spi-global.com). The success of the journal is also linked to the contribution of the authors, editorial team and our reviewers.

As we march towards the celebration of our golden jubilee, we express appreciation to the founding fathers, our authors, reviewers, our collaborators and the editorial team. We also hope that the Ghana Medical Association will continue to support the journal in all its activities.

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Reviewers for 2011

Below are those who reviewed articles for the journal in 2011. We do greatly appreciate their voluntary contribution.

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