

Editorial

Welcome on board!

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An **editorial board** is defined as “a group of people, who dictate the tone and direction that the publication’s editorial policy will take”. However, an editorial board is much more than this dry sentence suggests and it can have a major impact on the success and direction of the journal. A good editorial board member is dynamic, enthusiastic, experienced in publishing and reviewing articles as well as having a high international profile. Over the last 5–10 years, we have been fortunate to have been supported by an amazing group of board members who give their time freely to support the journal and its Editors. These board members range from our founding Editor Dr Jenny Prentice, to our Past AWMA President A/Prof Bill McGuinness, and to wound experts such as Prof Keryln Carville, and our Assistant Editor Sue Templeton, as well as our Associate Editors, Charne Miller, who provides the journal reports, and Donna Angel, the book reviews. However, in order to grow the international profile of the journal, the board decided to expand its membership and to invite new international and national members to join the board.

All members of the board are appointed for a period of five years, which is renewable for a further term at the discretion of the Editors and all of our members are accountable to the AWMA membership through its Editors and the AWMA committee. All our board members agree to submit articles to the journal, to review manuscripts and to contribute to themed issues. They agree to act as mentors to junior authors who need assistance to write their articles and attend our editorial board meetings held by teleconference. They also agree to promote the journal and activities of the Association when and as appropriate.

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We expect a lot from our board members and are thrilled that everyone that we approached agreed to join the board of *Wound Practice and Research*. We would like to introduce you to our new national and international editorial board members and hope that they will help us to raise the profile of our journal over the coming years.

David G Armstrong DPM, MD, PhD, Tucson, USA is Professor of Surgery at The University of Arizona. He also holds a Master of Science in Tissue Repair and Wound Healing from the University of Wales College of Medicine and a PhD from the University of Manchester College of Medicine, where he was appointed Visiting Professor of Medicine. Additionally, he co-founded the Southern Arizona Limb Salvage Alliance (SALSA). David has produced more than 415 peer-reviewed research papers in more than two-dozen scholarly medical journals as well as over five-dozen book chapters and is co-editor of the American Diabetes Association’s (ADA) Clinical Care of the Diabetic Foot. David was selected as one of the first six International Wound Care Ambassadors and is the recipient of numerous awards by national and international medical organisations, including the inaugural Georgetown Distinguished Award for Diabetic Limb Salvage. In 2008, he was the 25th and youngest-ever member elected into the Podiatric Medicine Hall of Fame. He is the 2010 and youngest-ever recipient of the ADA’s Roger Pecoraro Award, the highest award given in the field.

Jan Kottner PhD, Berlin, Germany is the Scientific Director of the Clinical Research Center for Hair and Skin Science in the Department of Dermatology and Allergy at the Charité-Universitätsmedizin, Berlin. His research focuses on skin physiology, skin barrier protection, restoration and maintenance as well as efficacy of skin care interventions in aged and care-dependent subjects. He has been involved in university teaching since 2007 and he publishes widely in the field of nursing, health and medicine, especially focussing on skin and tissue viability.

Hiromi Sanada PhD, RN, WOCN, Tokyo, Japan is Professor of Gerontological Nursing and Wound Care Management at The University of Tokyo, Japan. Hiromi is also president of three academic societies of wound care, the Japanese Society of Pressure Ulcers, and Japanese Society of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Management, and The Society for Nursing Science and Engineering. Furthermore, since 2011, she has been the vice-president of the Japanese Nursing Association, which is the largest professional organisation for nurses in Japan, consisting of approximately 650,000 nurses. She is an editor of the *International Wound Journal* and an editorial advisor of the *Journal of Wound Care*. She received

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her PhD from Kanazawa University in 1997. Hiromi has published and edited many scientific articles and textbooks, which are now being used as a gateway for researchers and clinicians in the wound care management.

Lisette Schoonhoven PhD, FEANS, Southampton, UK qualified as a nurse in 1989. She worked in nursing practice for 10 years, and combined that with a study in health sciences/nursing science from 1994 to 1998 at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. The clinical topic of her master's thesis was pressure ulcers in the OR. She continued her research on pressure ulcers at Utrecht University and completed her PhD in 2003. Lisette also has a Master in Clinical Epidemiology. She currently is a leading senior researcher in implementation and patient safety research at the Scientific Institute for Quality of Healthcare (IQ Healthcare) at the Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. In 2012 she joined the University of Southampton's Continence Technology and Skin Health group as a part-time reader. Here she works on pressure ulcers and incontinence-associated dermatitis. She is a trustee and board member of the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, is the chair of the international pressure ulcer guideline development group, associate editor of the *Journal of*

Tissue Viability, and Fellow of the European Academy of Nursing Science.

Emily Haesler BNurs, PGradDipAdvNsg, PhD candidate, is a Visiting Fellow in the Academic Unit of General Practice within ACT Health. She is currently working on international clinical guidelines and research in wound care and a number of systematic reviews. She works closely with the Australian Wound Management Association on developing and disseminating evidence-based guidelines in wound management. She is also working towards her PhD at the ANU Medical School. Emily's primary area of interest is methodology for evidence-based clinical guidelines. She has extensive experience as a methodologist in Australia and internationally. Her work involves critical appraisal, systematic review, recommendation development, academic writing, guideline dissemination, development of associated educational resources and, importantly, educating clinicians in research methodology and critical appraisal skills. Her areas of research interest include wound care, aged care, professional-family relationships and men's health.

We welcome all our new board members and look forward to working with them and our existing members over the next few years.

Wound Practice and Research



Expressions of Interest — Joint Editor, *Wound Practice and Research*

Expressions of interest are sought for the position of Joint Editor, *Wound Practice and Research*, the journal of the Australian Wound Management Association and the Australasian Wound and Tissue Repair Society.

For over 10 years the journal has had joint editors — one from a cellular and molecular research background, the other a clinician researcher. This allows coverage of the scope of the journal, and ensures seamless activity over periods of leave. The clinician researcher Editor position is open to EOIs, with the current Editor intending to stand down after over 11 years in this position.

The new Editor will have a strong record of publications and ideally experience with journal editorial responsibilities, including membership of editorial boards. The position requires regular accessing of emails and the internet to ensure prompt processing of submitted articles, including assigning reviewers and progressing articles through the review process. The Editor will promote the journal at all opportunities, and attract high-quality articles to the journal. There is regular, almost daily, communication with the other Joint Editor, and with the publisher of the journal. The Editor chairs quarterly meetings, usually by teleconference, of the Editorial Board and in conjunction with the other Joint Editor ensures the membership of that Board reflects the best interests of the journal.

There is modest remuneration for this role, but most of the work is performed “pro bono”.

If you are interested, please submit a brief CV and covering letter to:
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EOIs should be emailed to Michael.woodward@austin.org.au with a covering letter, and a brief (no more than 3 page) CV, before 01/12/15.

A copy of the Aims and Scope of the journal can be found on the AWMA website.