

Changing of the guard at *Global Health Promotion*

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Journal production schedules being what they are, I write this in mid-June, and it is in your hands in mid-December. With such delays, these editorials can never have anything to do with fresh news ... but as of July, there will be (have been ☺) important changes at *Global Health Promotion*. After three years as Editor-in-Chief, my term is up and a new Editor-in-Chief has been selected and is in the Chair, Dr Suzanne F. Jackson of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. My main aim in this Editorial is to introduce you to Suzanne, but first I acknowledge with admiration and gratitude my stalwart colleagues, starting with the three Managing Editors of *Global Health Promotion* during my tenure: Martha Perry, Aurélie de Gournay, and presently, Sara Bensaude De Castro Freire. Each and all have worked with a level of professionalism and dedication that is obvious to me, but perhaps less noticeable to readers. I have been supported by them to a degree that I cannot estimate in a credible way; their levels of effort have been somewhere between 150% and infinity. My training in arithmetic tells me this is not possible, but my experience confirms the existence of the impossible.

These great Managing Editors have been able to accomplish the impossible in part because they have not laboured alone in their Paris offices; to the contrary, in innumerable ways large and small, they have been enabled and assisted by their colleagues in the Paris office: Marie-Claude Lamarre, Catherine M. Jones, Janine Cadinu and Claire Blanchard.

On the content side, *Global Health Promotion* has benefited greatly from the dedication and hard work of the two Language Associate Editors who worked with me, Arantxa Santa-Maria Morales (Spanish) and Valéry Ridde (French), and from the contributions of the Editorial Advisory Board members. I have also had the unfailing support of the IUHPE President, David McQueen, and a great many

members of the Board of Trustees have made special contributions to the success of the journal.

The foundation of the journal, of course, is the cadre of authors and reviewers that provide the grist for the mill; the effort that goes into each issue of *Global Health Promotion* is huge, but cannot be tallied, because no accounting system can keep track of the effort that goes into manuscript preparation and review. Finally, Senior Commissioning Editor Caroline Lock and her colleagues at SAGE Publications Ltd in London, have been instrumental in the transformation of the journal during the last three years, into the polished and completely professional publication that you hold in your hands.

To all named, and to the many other contributors too numerous to name, I thank you for your service.

Now, on to my introduction of Suzanne. She was appointed Editor-in-Chief in Spring 2010 at the conclusion of a rigorous selection process, during which a number of outstanding candidates were considered. She was selected on the basis of her strong record of scholastic accomplishment, her leadership in the development of health promotion, and her active role in the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE). Suzanne has been a member-at-large on the IUHPE North American Region Board of Directors since 2004, and she was elected to the IUHPE Board of Trustees in 2007. As a Director of the Centre for Health Promotion at the University of Toronto in the period 2001 through 2009, and as a Director of the Canadian Consortium for Health Promotion Research, Suzanne participated on the Oversight Committee for the IUHPE World Conference held in Vancouver in 2007. She also participated in the development of the IUHPE's *Shaping the Future* strategy, which was launched in Vancouver.

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Suzanne has worked at every level of health promotion, from community to global, since the early 1980s, after receiving her PhD in 1981 from the University of Waterloo. Her professional and academic experience includes activities at provincial and national levels in Canada, in Latin America through work with PAHO projects, and regionally and globally through a number of WHO advising roles.

Suzanne has a solid record of publication in reports, books and peer-review journals, including *Promotion & Education*, *Health Promotion International*, *Health Care Management Forum*, *Man-Environment Systems...* and of course, *Global Health Promotion*. She has a long and strong

teaching record at the Masters and PhD levels, and she has also directed post-doctoral studies.

Not least among Suzanne's qualifications for the post as Editor-in Chief is her enthusiasm for the job and her long track record of high-level performance on all professional tasks for which she has taken responsibility. Please welcome Suzanne to her leading role on the *Global Health Promotion* team, and support her and the journal by sending her your best manuscripts, and by saying 'yes!' when she calls on you for peer review work.

So, to the final sentence... I enjoyed my time as Editor-in-Chief of *Global Health Promotion* enormously, and I am calm and comforted knowing that my 'baby' is in the best of hands.

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