EDITOR'S NOTE

A New Year and a "New" *WEM*

A belated "Happy New Year" to you all!

I hope all of our readers got a little light-headed when they pulled this issue of the Journal out of the mailbox! Hopefully, the new cover will entice some additional medical school librarians to place *WEM* in a prominent location in the reading room! I expect the new look to entice even greater numbers of potential readers to "pick us up" and discover what's inside the covers.

A less obvious change for the Journal, but one of even greater importance than our new cover format, is the addition of some new members to our Editorial Board. Coming on board in 2003 are:

Rob Allen, MD—Colonel, USAF Medical Corps; Chief, Aeromedical Evacuation Branch of the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base. Rob is a flight surgeon and emergency physician with special focus on search and rescue, tropical medicine, and toxicology.

E. Wayne Askew, PhD—Professor of Foods and Nutrition, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Wayne teaches courses in Sports Nutrition, Macronutrient Metabolism, and Nutrition for Wilderness Rescue and Recreational Workers. He previously held the position of Director of Military Nutrition Research, US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine.

Sean Bush, MD—Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Sean has special passion for venomous creatures and expertise in environmental toxinology.

Peter Fenner, MD—Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at James Cook University in Australia; National Medical Officer, Surf Life Saving Australia. Peter is an expert in marine envenomations.

Gordon Giesbrecht, MD—Professor of Thermophysiology at the University of Manitoba, Canada. Gord runs the Laboratory for Exercise and Environmental Medicine where he studies human responses to exercise and work in extreme environments. He is an avid mountaineer and led a 2001 winter research expedition on Lake Winnipeg testing clothing, food, and physiology in arctic-like conditions.

These individuals will be contributing their time and expertise to help make *Wilderness and Environmental Medicine* an even better scientific publication, and I look forward to their participation on the Editorial Board.

Departing from the Board this year are Cynthia Beall, PhD, Peter Bärtsch, MD, Des Gorman, PhD, and David Steedman, MD. I want to thank these folks for their dedication to the Journal and their commitment to our Society. I know that they will continue to be strong supporters of our Society and our Journal.

Finally, as always, I want to encourage you to let me know your thoughts about the Journal. What's working and what's not? Your feedback is important to us.

Here's wishing you fair skies and safe travels!

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