EDITOR'S NOTE

Another "New Face"

The 2003 WMS Winter Meeting at Jackson Hole is now just a memory, but what a *great* memory! Luanne Freer and Bill Robinson are to be congratulated for putting together a tremendously educational program. There was just the right mix of practical "how to" information mixed with fascinating presentations on cutting-edge material pertinent to wilderness medicine and physiology. I was especially impressed by the quality of the research abstracts that were presented at this meeting, and I hope that we will have the opportunity to publish selections from those abstracts in our next issue.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome another "new face" to our editorial staff. With this issue Dr Karen Nolan assumes responsibility for our Abstracts of the Current Literature section. Karen completed her Emergency Medicine residency in the Stanford/Kaiser program last year, and she has a real passion for wilderness medicine. She served as an expedition physician for the 2001 Everest Expedition and Trek sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind, and she worked as a full-time physician at Lake Hospital in Yellowstone in the summer of 2002. She has done research on acetazolamide's effects on sleep-related ventilation at altitude (at Everest Base Camp), and recently she worked with me on a project looking at a field management tech-

nique for snakebite. She loves telemark skiing, snowboarding, backpacking, and kayaking. I welcome her enthusiastic input on behalf of our Journal and am sure she will do a terrific job with "Abstracts."

Of course Karen's arrival means that Ron Roessler, our prior section editor for "Abstracts," is passing the baton. Ron carried out his duties with great energy and dedication, and I owe him a huge debt of gratitude for the efforts he put forth on behalf of the Journal. I know that Ron is destined for great things with the WMS, and I look forward to his continued involvement with *WEM* as a peer reviewer and author.

One other "new face" that I'd like to mention is the one that greeted you when you got this issue of the Journal—the green mamba on the cover! The photographer, Michael Cardwell (Michael Cardwell and Associates), has helped me out with a number of projects benefiting the WMS, and I'd like to thank him for his submission of this month's cover shot. More of Michael's phenomenal work can be found in the WMS Educational Slide Series, *Venomous Snakebites*.

Until next time, here's wishing you and yours some "found time" to get outdoors!

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