EDITOR'S NOTE

Tempus Fugit!

As I write this, much of the U.S. is gripped in incredibly cold weather. Hopefully, by the time you actually read it, all are fully thawed out and enjoying widespread, fair weather and plenty of time outdoors!

With this issue of *Wilderness and Environmental Medicine*, we experience a “passing of the baton” in Section Editorship of two of our sections—“Abstracts of the Current Literature” and “Nutrition and Exercise.” Dr. Karen Nolan-Kuehl (“ACL”) and Dr. Stacie Wing-Gaia (“N&E”), are both stepping down so that they can apply additional time to other important aspects of their lives.

Karen has done a phenomenal job with “Abstracts,” helping us all stay current with excellent quality abstracts of papers pertinent to our interests and published in other journals. Karen has served as Section Editor for “Abstracts” for the last six years, and I am sorry to see her leave this position (though I am sure she will remain active with the Wilderness Medical Society in other ways!). It seems like just yesterday that I was welcoming Karen to our Editorial team, but that was 2003!

Replacing Karen will be Dr. Anil Menon. Anil is currently a third year Emergency Medicine resident in the Stanford-Kaiser Emergency Medicine Residency program and one of our Chief Residents. He will be a Wilderness Medicine Fellow at Stanford beginning this July. He is an avid outdoorsman, and has a strong writing history. He has almost two dozen publications to his credit and is a seasoned blogger for “Straight Talk from the Stanford ER.” He has experience as an expedition

Dr Janet Peterson and Jazz.

physician in Mongolia (see photo) and Egypt, and is a Captain in the Air National Guard. I am confident that he will be bringing us many fine abstracts of interest over the coming years, and I appreciate his willingness to take on this new responsibility.

Stacie joined the editorial team in 2005, helping us initiate a new section of special interest and focus for the journal—Nutrition and Exercise. She has worked tirelessly to edit the large number of manuscripts submitted to us in these disciplines, and has been hugely helpful to me in ensuring that sound methodology and data analysis are used in the ones we publish. She has also been instrumental in helping us find a highly qualified replacement for this important Section Editor's position—Dr. Janet Peterson.

Dr. Peterson has a master's degree in Kinesiology (exercise physiology) and a doctorate in Public Health specializing in Preventive Care. She is currently an Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance at Linfield College, and is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). Her certifications include National Registry Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Wilderness EMT, and multiple certifications with the ACSM (Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist, Health and Fitness Instructor, Exercise and the Older Adult, and Advanced Personal Trainer). Janet has a strong research background, and, in her free time, she loves teaching Wilderness Medicine, climbing mountains, hiking and doing just about anything outdoors.

In closing, I send out heartfelt thanks to Karen and Stacie for all their hard work and support for the Journal and the Society, and a hearty welcome to Anil and Janet!

Live well, stay active, and be safe!

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Dr Anil Menon on an expedition in Mongolia.