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This has been an incredibly busy year for the *Journal* with a record number of successful submissions to the second issue. Topics were diverse and addressed the spectrum of original research, program report, clinical case study, and review articles. The submissions describe a depth of activity with the international population, including refugees newly resettled in communities, experiences in international medicine, informatics support, and diseases of global significance. Through the diversity of these submissions, it is apparent that health is an essential element in the fabric of global wellness and the sharing among our communities of learning and practice is most essential.

A few of the highlights from this issue include a review of dermatological conditions identified among Syrian refugees by Kawa and colleagues as well as a description of a patient encounter by medical students providing healthcare in Tanzania and their experience treating podoconiosis. Mattingly and colleagues describe their work in the use of REDCap $^{\text{TM}}$  as the database platform for refugee health information and a means for understanding the differing health conditions

present among newly arriving refugee populations resettling in Kentucky. Diamond describes experiences working with women resettling in Greece while Reaves and Hauck review Muslim women concerns regarding fertility issues. The Center of Excellence for Research in Infectious Diseases (CERID) team describe their efforts in understanding how clinical research can be implemented in long term care facilities as part of the global health challenge posed by *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. difficile*). These are but a few of the published works included in this issue of the *Journal*, but they demonstrate the quality of research, investigation, and improvements that are occurring as part of the global healthcare landscape and the worldwide response to health needs.

Thank you to all who contribute to this Journal and to the worldly improvements in healthcare. We continue to encourage those working with international populations and those performing research and clinical practice involving global health to submit their work so it can be used as a platform for learning and improving health outcomes.