

Editorial

Change in the Executive Editorial Team at JCF

As heralded in late 2012, a change in the Executive Editorial Team would occur and commence in early 2014, at the completion of Gerd Döring's term as Editor-in-Chief. Gerd was the Editor-in-Chief from 2006 until his recent and untimely death. He continued to support and lead the Journal's activities throughout his illness and in fact prepared the content for the Issues for the rest of 2013!

By necessity, the Editors agreed for Dr Harry Heijerman to become Acting Editor-in-Chief, allowing the Editor-in-Chief Elect the opportunity to learn more about the current status of the Journal and establish his team to allow continuation of the growth and reputation of the world's only journal focused directly on Cystic Fibrosis. The Board of the ECFS approved the appointment of Dr Scott Bell as the new Editor-in-Chief and he will be supported by Dr Dominik Hartl and until June 2014, Harry Heijerman, as Deputy Editors for JCF. A replacement Deputy Editor will be appointed and announced in Gothenburg at the European CF Conference. The Executive Team will take on their new roles from 1 December 2013.

Scott Bell is an adult pulmonologist based in Brisbane, Australia and is Director of the Adult CF Centre at The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH), which provides care for 300 adults with CF. After completing his pulmonology training in Sydney, he undertook training in adult cystic fibrosis and a research degree in Cardiff, UK (MD) and then a Lung Transplantation Fellowship back in Sydney. He was appointed to TPCH in 1996 and moved with his family to Brisbane. In parallel, he established a Lung Transplant Program and secured formal funding for a state-wide adult CF centre, which he became the inaugural Director. Since then he has led a large clinical research programme and his current research interests include CF microbiology, emerging complications of adults with CF and the role of new therapies for CF. He is interested in clinical guideline development and evaluation and is currently co-leading the major review of the Australian Standards of CF Care and Guidelines for Health Care Workers with CF, and a member of the group reviewing the Australian Bronchiectasis Guidelines. He has several roles supporting ECFS activities and some of these include participation in the major review of the European CF Standards of Care (Best Practice Group Deputy Chair), current chair of the Pulmonology/Immunology Assembly for the Organising Committee of the ECFC and was a member of the Consensus Study Group for the Treatment of

Lung Infection in CF (published in the Journal in December 2012). He was appointed as an Associate Editor for JCF in 2005.

Dominik Hartl is a paediatric pulmonologist/ID physician in Tübingen, Germany, and head of the Translational CF Research Group at the University of Tübingen. After completing his paediatric MD training in Munich, Germany, he has spent post-doc research periods at the University of Amsterdam and the Yale University, New Haven, USA. He is interested in understanding the mechanisms leading to CF lung disease and their diagnostic and therapeutic implications, ranging from genetic/molecular to murine and patient studies. He chairs the research community panel (FGM) of the German CF Association. He was appointed as an Associate Editor for JCF in 2012.

With the delivery of a contemporary communication modality in the era of open access journals, social media and the ever increasing depth of scientific information, maintaining relevance and impact of a journal is challenging. We acknowledge the small decline in JCF's impact factor for 2012 and our team will work hard to examine ways to continue the Journals' growth including adaptation of innovative methods to communicate the work you publish in JCF to our readers.

Retirement of Steven Conway from the Editorial Board

Steven qualified at St George's Hospital London in 1978 and worked in paediatric units in Leeds from 1982, under the mentorship of Dr Jim Littlewood. He was appointed as a consultant in 1988. He led the development of the regional CF Unit for adult care (initially at Seacroft Hospital), a role to which he gave a unique perspective as a paediatrician with sub-specialty training in infectious diseases. He juggled this role, in addition to a busy paediatric practice and a leadership role at the regional paediatric CF unit at St James Hospital, Leeds. Steven has published widely throughout his career and always focused on asking clinically relevant questions that would enhance the delivery of care in the clinic to his patients. Steven joined the Editorial Board of JCF in January 2005 and became a member of the Executive Editorial Team. We are tremendously grateful for his time and expertise in this role with JCF that he always embraced with energy and wisdom.

We wish him and his family well in his retirement from the NHS.

Scott Bell, Editor-in-Chief Elect

Dominik Hartl, Deputy Editor

Harry Heijerman, Acting Editor-in-Chief