

Editorial

On behalf of the New Zealand Psychological Society and its members I would like to thank all those who have generously contributed their time to supporting the *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*. I am particularly grateful to the five Associate Editors who have provided advice and support, and have taken on reviewing/editing when requested. Neville Blampied (University of Canterbury), Janet Leatham and Bronwyn Campbell (Massey University), Harlene Hayne (University of Otago), and Michael O'Driscoll (University of Waikato) have each contributed and deserve our thanks. I am also grateful to Paul Jose (Victoria University of Wellington) who has continued in the role of Book Review Editor, and has done a fine job.

The other group of 'volunteers' who deserve recognition are those who have reviewed manuscripts. When the submitted manuscript is of good quality this can be an enjoyable and informative task. Also, once reviewed it is unlikely that the reviewer will be asked to read any amendments made to that script. However, when there is scope for substantial improvements the task of reviewing can be more exacting. I am exceedingly grateful to the many colleagues who have been willing to provide reviews for the *Journal*. Their contribution to the quality of our publication is appreciated by all the editorial staff and by the authors. Without conscientious reviewers who are willing to support the efforts of their peers through the provision of thoughtful critique, we would not have a *Journal* at all.

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Donna Macdonald who have filled the role of Editorial Assistant during 2010. Juliet took on the new role at the beginning of the year and quickly developed a range of efficient practices which have enhanced the editorial process. We wish Juliet well for the future. Donna has now taken over and is making the role her own. I am very thankful for her assistance.

In 2010 we have published 18 regular papers, two special papers, and two book reviews. A number of the regular papers were contained in a special issue focussing on Global Poverty, ably edited by Dr Charles Waldegrave. At the present time there is no shortage of manuscripts under review.

As we have worked through the challenges of moving over to on-line publication we have already seen some of the benefits of more rapid publication. While it has not always been the case we have generally reduced the period of time from initial manuscript submission to publication by adopting more flexible publication dates. We will make further inroads into this when we make 'in press' papers available on-line prior to formal publication in an issue of the *Journal*. Some administrative time will still need to be included in the calculation; however we would like to reach a point where the majority of time that a manuscript spends in the *Journal* system is either with the reviewers or being amended by the authors. Improvements to the management of submissions will make the *Journal* a more appealing place for New Zealand psychologists to publish their work.

The Editorial Board have considered the option of extending the types of manuscripts accepted for publication to include briefer communications. However, the main benefit of doing

this would be to allow briefer and less technical papers to be considered rapidly, and make it through to print quickly. Given that we are endeavouring to streamline all our process, and hope to have 'in press' papers available to Society members at the earliest possible time, there seems little point in pursuing this option formally. We would like to remember those considering the *Journal* as an outlet for their work that although most manuscripts are around 5-6,000 words in length we do not exclude shorter, more succinct contributions.

We are committed to maintaining the high quality of the *Journal*, and ensuring that the material published is interesting and useful. We encourage all those undertaking psychological work in New Zealand Aotearoa, or undertaking work that has clear applicability to the New Zealand environment, to consider the *Journal* as the journal of choice.

John Fitzgerald
Editor

In addition to the Associate Editors, the following reviewers were involved in the process of reviewing manuscripts for the 2010 issue.

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