

## Celebrating 20 years as a journal

It is very exciting to be writing the editorial at the start of our twentieth year of existence as a journal. It is fortuitous that this is our 2014 Congress edition, with a feast of superb contributions from South African and international colleagues on a variety of topics, which I am sure that you, our readers, will enjoy.

The *South African Journal of Anaesthesia and Analgesia* (SAJAA) started in 1995, with Prof Ted Shipton as the editor. I took over the reins in 2001. At the time, the journal was owned by Andrew Thomas, who eventually sold the intellectual property, and thereby the journal to the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists (SASA) in 2005. In 2007, we partnered with Medpharm Publications, our publisher. We were awarded Department of Higher Education and Training accreditation in 2003, and are indexed on Scopus and Embase, as well as African Journals Online, Directory of Open Access Journals and African Index Medicus. Following the Academy of Science of South Africa's recent review, the journal's Department of Higher Education and Training accreditation status was reaffirmed. It has also been recommended for indexing in SciELO.

Our editorial board has an opportunity to reflect on past achievements and plan future opportunities during this momentous year in our history. We will be launching the SASA/SAJAA app at the SASA 2014 Congress, and will also

be entering a new publishing arrangement with Medpharm Publications, together with Taylor and Francis; a move that bodes well for our future.

Some of the exciting developments that readers and researchers can expect in 2014 are:

- *Six journal editions:* Online, in print and in tablet form.
- SAJAA will be published as an electronic journal on an international, open-access platform, Cogent OA ([www.cogentoa.com](http://www.cogentoa.com)), and on Taylor and Francis Online ([www.tandfonline.com](http://www.tandfonline.com)).
- *E-pub before print:* Research articles will be released online, ahead of print, with digital objective identifiers.
- State-of-the-art online publishing with search-engine optimisation and discoverability.
- Article-level metrics on a platform that measures citations and views.
- Altmetrics to measure article-level impact on social media.
- A new online peer-review system, i.e. Editorial Manager®.
- Plagiarism checking through CrossCheck™.

We hope to continue to make SAJAA the first choice in which to publish your research and reviews.

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