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Editor's message

By the time you read this editorial, you will have enjoyed another wonderful CHLA / ABSC conference, this time in Toronto. Unfortunately, I was away on course and could not attend this year, but from all reports, it sounds like it was very informative and of course, fun too! Now we can look forward to Vancouver in 2006!

Our relatively new electronic version of JCHLA / JABSC is now indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) database. There were a few transition issues when the journal moved from a paper to an electronic version, but these have now been taken care of.

In terms of production issues, the addition of the ability to print a single PDF for an issue of JCHLA / JABSC has been well received. Previously, you had to go into each section and print the articles individually. NRC Research Press is excellent to work with, and the production process has been easy because they are extremely accommodating.

Soliciting content for the journal continues to be difficult, and the focus of some of the issues can tend toward "opinion pieces", rather than effectiveness studies, reviews, qualitative

studies, or program descriptions. Despite calls for papers on international listservs, brainstorming amongst CHLA / ABSC members or board members, and networking, this is a very daunting task for the Editor of the journal.

The editorial team has actively sought sponsorship for the online version of the journal, and although presently there are no sponsors, this will hopefully change in the near future. Sponsorship would not only generate revenue, but would increase the profile of JCHLA / JABSC.

The editorial team and selection committee for the BC Decker prize decided not to award the prize this year. I am confident that it will be awarded next year. Thanks to BC Decker Inc. for their support for this award.

We welcome Gillian Griffith from Bracken Health Sciences Library at Queens as our new incoming Assistant Editor for JCHLA / JABSC. I look forward to meeting you in person, Gillian!

Enjoy this issue, and think about how you can transform your projects and initiatives in your institutions into print for our national journal!

Cheers,

Rebecca Zakoob