

Editorial

It is with regret that I have to inform the readers of the IJMDT that this will be the final edition. Myself as Editor, the Review Committee and the MI USA administration have worked tirelessly over a five year period to deliver a high quality, clinically relevant and interesting journal. Regrettably the number of manuscripts submitted for publication is not sufficient to sustain the continued production of the Journal in its current format. This decision has been considered carefully by the Institute's International Board of Trustees, and also discussions have been held with the Institute's branches.

The possibility of a replacement publication such as an International newsletter is still being investigated.

As you may be aware, there is an increasing number of MDT related articles being published in high profile peer reviewed journals. This is exciting to see and important to facilitate the worldwide dissemination of the MDT message to the wider musculoskeletal audience. The IJMDT unfortunately does not have the profile or the distribution numbers to compete with such journals; hence is not as attractive for many researchers. The McKenzie Institute International has held preliminary discussions with another more widely published journal to determine if a formal association can be established.

The IJMDT has encouraged a number of you to write for the first time which has been encouraging as this was one of our original goals. In the past two years the number of case studies submitted has doubled and many of these have been improved to a standard suitable for publication through the guidance of the IJMDT Review Committee. This has been a valuable learning process for new authors and often given them the confidence to write again. The Journal Committee is keen for this opportunity to continue and as such an Institute newsletter publication is being considered for the future, which would include the publication of MDT related case studies and other clinically relevant "tips and hints".

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the IJMDT. I hope the experience has encouraged you to continue writing. I would also like to thank the panel of reviewers for their time and wisdom, and Nancy Morden from the MI USA office who has done an excellent job producing the Journal.

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