Coming of age

The South African Journal of Radiology is now coming of age. With the appointment of an Editor-in-Chief, the creation of a new academic editorial board and the use of a more formalised peer-review system for all submissions, the journal is set to raise its profile among other radiological publications. With the implementation of the above changes we will eventually attempt to have the journal indexed internationally, thereby transforming it into the more substantial publication that South African radiology deserves. Our standards of training and practice are high and there is good demand for our expertise — let our journal in turn reflect this.

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Message from the new editorial committee

The South African Journal of Radiology has followed a sometimes roller-coaster course in recent times, with issue quality varying widely. This spectrum of quality has largely resulted from lack of a central and consistent editorial voice. In a recent attempt to improve the control and quality of the journal, a number of important changes have been made, starting with the introduction of a full-time Editor-in-Chief. The first appointed Editor-in-Chief is Ian Duncan. This post will be held for a period of 4 years, and is aimed at ensuring continuity in the running of the journal. The editorial committee has also been changed with immediate effect, and now consists of Professor Coert de Vries (Deputy Editor) (University of the Free State), Professor Leonie Scholtz (University of Pretoria), Professor Darius Tsatsi (MEDUNSA), Dr Savvas Andronikou (University of Cape Town), Professor Peter Corr (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Professor Alan Scher (University of Stellenbosch), Professor Steve Beningfield (University of Cape Town), and Dr Malan van Rensburg (private practice, Pretoria).

The rotating guest editorship will continue. Each academic department will be responsible for one of seven issues, with an eighth ‘open’ issue completing the 2-year cycle. The Head of Department (guest editor) or nominee will canvass articles from staff members, including registrars and radiographers, but should also try and elicit articles from private practices in his or her area. Any article received from any author may be considered for publication by the rotating guest editor in an upcoming issue, regardless of the geographical location of the author(s). It is hoped that each and every senior registrar will produce at least one