Editorial

A Year in Review: 2015

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Happy New Year and welcome to the first issue of 2016. My editorial this month will provide our subscribers and readers with my report from the annual meeting at the Transcultural Nursing Society. The production of this journal is not a one person job. It truly “takes a village,” and I want to thank everyone that has been a part of this journal. Of course, the management of the society is instrumental in helping run the journal, specifically Bev Thorn, Lisa Dobson, and Leann Weirings. The managing editors, Marjory Spraycar and Elizabeth Marshall, are the people who get the manuscripts in order and make sure everything is in place before our reviewers see them. Dan Ruth is our Acquisitions Editor from Sage and has been a wonderful mentor through my orientation phase of learning more about the editing process. The associate and senior editors are instrumental in the review process. And last but not least, our reviewers, who work very hard to get manuscripts reviewed in a timely manner (3 weeks) so our authors get their manuscripts back in a timely manner.

Our journal is on solid ground right now. Our submission rate to the journal is up 58%. Our acceptance rate is 24%. Our time to first review is 42 days. Our impact factor is 0.659. In the year 2015, we increased our issues to 5 per year, and in 2016, we will increase them to 6 per year (or every other month). Please share your journals with your peers.

In the last year, I attended several conferences representing the journal. The first conference was in Budapest, Hungary, where I was the Keynote Speaker at the European Transcultural Nursing Association. The European Transcultural Nursing Association is excited to invite us to join their association. Membership is free. If you are interested, you can go to their website at http://europeantransculturalnurses.eu/. Their Facebook page is: https://www.facebook.com/European-Transcultural-Nursing-Association-861320677227865/?fref=ts.

The second conference was the International Academy of Nurse Editors conference in Las Vegas. This is a conference for editors or anyone interested in learning more about the writing/editing process. Next year’s conference will be in London and will be in collaboration with the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Academy of Nursing. For more information, you can go to http://nursingeditors.com/.

I reviewed some of the features offered by Sage that you may want to know about. These are available on our web page at http://tcn.sagepub.com/. Online First is available to all our subscribers. These are forthcoming articles that have been published ahead of print. They are considered published and have a DOI number assigned to them. Within 4 weeks of acceptance of your manuscript, it should appear in Online First.

We have started an “Editor’s Choice Collections,” which are selected by our team of senior and associate editors. These are some of the “best” articles that are selected to be represented in this column. As well, we now have podcasts—which are interviews from authors who have been published in the most recent issue of the journal. These podcasts would be great to use in classes or lectures. They are on a variety of topics.

Our members have access to use Sage’s resources for you including the SAGE Journal e-mail Alert System and RSS Feeds. You can receive the latest table of contents, Online First articles, custom search results, and citation alerts. The RSS feeds can provide you with current or recent issues of journals, Online First articles, most read articles, and most cited articles.

I encourage all of our members of the Transcultural Nursing Society to be ambassadors for the journal. We need to be publishing the best articles that are from the best research and clinical findings. As ambassadors, I would ask that each of you promote the journal in your work setting, at conferences, online, or through SAGE (recommending podcasts, links for journal, or to your library). Maximize the potential of articles, especially if they are in line with current news reports. Encourage expert nurse clinicians, researchers, or scientist to write for the journal, be reviewers, or board members. Encourage citations of the journal in your student’s work and your own.

I use social media for visibility of the journal. I would encourage all of you to Friend us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/jtuneditor/). I post regularly there on issues related to the journal, tips on publishing, grants, reviewing, or writing. You can post as well on issues you may want to address. I also have a twitter account and a LinkedIn account.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be the editor of this journal. With heartfelt gratitude, it has put me in touch with old friends and made new friends. I have worked with amazing people in this business. I look forward to the journal being a continued success and ask that you commit to the engagement of the journal, however you can do that. Please feel free to contact me if you have any thoughts or questions about the journal. Again, I thank you for your support.

Thank you to all our reviewers who submitted completed reviews for the journal from May 2014 to November 2015, when this issue was compiled.

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