

## New ownership of the Journal

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In my view, editorials by the Chief Editor should be restricted to comment on matters of import. Since taking up the editorship of *Critical Care and Resuscitation*, I have followed this policy, so that my editorials have appeared only to make significant announcements about the Journal. And so too it is with this editorial.

*Critical Care and Resuscitation* has a new owner! The recent developments at the Journal have been outlined in previous editorials.<sup>1-3</sup> The history of its birth, its becoming the official journal of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (JFICM), moving to a professional publishing company, being indexed in Medline by the National Library of Medicine, and other steps forward have all been highlighted. The latest development is that the JFICM has acquired complete ownership of the Journal from the Australasian Academy of Critical Care Medicine (AACCM) as of November 2006. This follows from the JFICM earlier taking on some Journal administrative functions from the AACCM, and the Journal secretariat moving to the JFICM offices. The JFICM now also takes responsibility for the financial management of the Journal.

The JFICM appreciates this valuable resource it has acquired from the AACCM and will promote development of the Journal as one of its core functions. The AACCM continues to provide excellent educational courses for intensive care trainees, and the ties between the two organisations remain strong.

It is tempting to state that transfer of ownership from the AACCM to the JFICM is the final stage of development of

the Journal, but I know there will always be opportunities for improvement and development. Increasing the readership and the number and quality of submissions, and improving the website and electronic version of the Journal are all areas for future growth. Continued support from the readership and the critical care scientific and clinical communities will see the Journal grow in strength and quality.

On a practical level, for the Journal to acquire an ISI impact factor,<sup>4</sup> readers can help by visiting the website of Thomson Scientific (<http://scientific.thomson.com/forms/isi/journalrec/>) and recommending that *Critical Care and Resuscitation* be covered in the ISI database.

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