



EDITORIAL

Ten years and a new design

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We hope you enjoy the new design of the International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE). This is our tenth year of publication and we are proud to launch our new look to coincide with our second decade of publishing the only global journal that features the Home Economics profession.

This Issue of the IJHE comprises 17 papers, 16 of which are Research Articles and one Review Article. Some of these papers began their review process as Peer Reviewed Papers presented at the XX111 IFHE World Congress held in Korea in August 2016 which had the theme of *Hope & Happiness: The role of Home Economics in the pursuit of hope & happiness for individuals and communities now and in the future*. Hence, there is a strong theme of hope and happiness running through some papers published in this Issue.

The IJHE provides wide exposure for these publications with the IJHE now available without password access on the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) website as well as being distributed through the Informit database and EBSCO's research collections. Theoretical papers, literature reviews, and a wide range of genres along with research papers are invited for publication in the journal.

The aim of IFHE is to achieve the highest quality in this e-journal. To realize that goal, there is a need to continue to refine and develop our processes. The IJHE requires a prominent international editorial board along with high quality submissions, a thorough and comprehensive review process, and a fine, high quality finish. To that end we are seeking to increase our Editorial Board Membership. In the last ten years, the Journal has achieved the following:

- 258 papers have been submitted for peer review by a total of 388 different authors
- 155 papers have achieved publication status
- 39 different nationalities are represented by the range of authors
- 2 498 pages and 877 947 words have been published.

The editorial board to date has worked extraordinarily hard to achieve this, alongside the authors and researcher who submit their papers. Some editorial board members have volunteered their professionalism for the entire 10 years the IJHE has been publishing. The following is a summary of editorial board membership. There has been:

- 1 editor and 1 editorial administrator (formatter, graphic designer, administrative support)
- 24 Editorial Board members (11 current)

Given the growth in the IJHE and the need for high quality reviewers, I invite you to submit an Expression of Interest for Membership of the IJHE Editorial Board. Please provide a brief Resume providing the following information: qualifications; professional employment experience; publications record; editorial board experience; IFHE region membership; home economics fields of expertise. Please ensure the Criteria for Board Membership listed below are met prior to submitting your application to avoid disappointment. A maximum of 5 pages is required, submitted to: intjournalhomeeconomics@gmail.com

Criteria for editorial board membership

- Must be a productive and respected researcher with expertise in one or more research methodologies and one or more Home Economics specialisations.
- Must have a background in research including academic preparation (minimum doctoral degree) and have published in refereed journals.
- Must have current membership of IFHE or willingness to join during tenure on the Editorial Board.

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