

**Report to Annual General Meeting of BAPRAS: December 2019****Report from: JPRAS Committee of Management****Name of Representative: Mr Nicholas James****Report**

The Committee has met twice during the year.

Impact Factor

The impact factor had reached 2.228, its highest point to date.

JPRAS Editor and Deputy Editors

The Editor, Professor Andrew Hart to serve a second term (2019 – 2021) was approved. Mr Adam Reid would serve a further term as Deputy Editor (2019-2021) who would serve also as reserve editor to act in the absence of the editor. Mr Jason Wong (full-time) and Ms Yvonne Wilson would serve a second term (both April 2020 – March 2022). Professor Daniel Kalbermatten would continue to serve until 2020. Dr Erin Brown had been recruited as a new deputy editor in place of Professor Iain Whitaker, who had demitted in 2018.

Publishing Contract

The contract had not been signed between BAPRAS and the journal publisher, Elsevier and a deadline for signing had been set to the end of August. BAPRAS indicated to opt for electronic access with an option for print copy. Issues to resolve VAT on electronic access were yet to be resolved and had delayed finalising the contract.

Strategy Review

Strategic review for JPRAS & for JPRAS Open had taken place in February 2019. New funding models would be explored for the future and to build the BAPRAS brand as part of a wider community that engages and to develop a long-term relationship with the journal publisher. Improved IT was required to deliver virtual media for education and to make increased use of interactive content and potential providers would be explored. The focus of JPRAS Open would be on e-LPRAS going forward.

Social Media

The audience in South America and India had been positive. Overall audience was stronger on Twitter and Instagram. Purposeful debate was being generated on Twitter. A basic guide to social media would be included as an editorial in JPRAS and would be coordinated with the new platform. JPRAS was achieving greater engagement per tweet than its competitors: JPRAS had 1,395 followers and 603 tweets had been produced. A template on how to make video content and encourage engagement was being developed. Video abstracts were valuable and the feasibility and its publishing ethics of a requirement for authors to produce a visual abstract (in addition to the written version), was being explored.

Media Training

Media Training Quotes had been received but were not accepted. A discussion on

media training would be postponed until after the strategy day.

#### Eponymous Editors Prizes

The establishment of eponymous prizes including seeking the input of past editors was complete and ready to be implemented.

#### Editorial Board

The structure of the Editorial Board had been revised. The term of office would be three-years and would synchronise with the term of the Editor. The restructure that was complete and would be implemented in coordination with the new publishing contract.

#### Conflicts of Interest for Editors, Editorial Board, and Reviewers

The conflicts of Interest for Editors, Editorial Board, and Reviewers had been included on the homepage to coincide with the launch of the new JPRAS website.

#### JPRAS

The conversion process of the Article Processing System from EES onto EMFIRST platform was had progressed. The affiliation agreement with EURAPS was working well.

#### JPRAS Open

Mr Dulvi Humzah had been appointed as e-LPRAS Project Editor to work on the educational aspect of JPRAS Open. The JPRAS Open Editor (Mr O'Donoghue) continued to work with the on the integration of e-LPRAS

#### Committee Membership

The membership of the Committee had widened to include Mr Dean Boyce (Chair of Education Committee) Ms Karen Lindsay (Social Media Editor), who had joined the Committee.

#### **Actions**

- Discuss open access in general
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