EDITORIAL

Call for papers: Are there any biochemists or transfusion medicine specialists out there?

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The New Zealand Journal of Medical Laboratory Science aims to publish articles on all subjects pertaining to the practice of medical laboratory science and since becoming open access in 2011 an increasingly number of our published articles have attracted citations in the international medical and biomedical literature (1).

However, in a recent Editorial, it was noted that there had been no clinical biochemistry or transfusion articles published in the NZIMLS Journal since 2013 (2). This issue of the Journal, the last for 2015, contains predominantly microbiology articles. Over the last two years (April 2014 - November 2015), out of 30 articles, 14 (46.7%) were on microbiology, only one on clinical biochemistry (from overseas) and none on transfusion medicine. Perhaps we should rename our Journal the New Zealand Journal of Medical Microbiology!

It is important to note that papers published in this Journal are representative of the submissions the Editors receive. Therefore, in search of a greater variety of submitted papers, this Editorial issues a call for articles, case studies, reviews, technical communications and letters to the Editor from the fields of biochemistry and transfusion science. We know that many excellent presentations are made at the yearly Special Interest Groups meetings, yet no clinical biochemistry or transfusion articles have appeared from the BSIG or the TSIG groups lately.

So the challenge is to biochemists and transfusion medicine specialists to redress the imbalance in medical laboratory science disciplines published in the Journal.

Think about writing up your presentation as a Journal article. The Editors are ‘user friendly’ and more than willing to give a guiding hand, as are members of the Editorial Board. In addition to seeing your name in ‘lights’, you will gain valuable CPD points and the satisfaction that your message has potentially reached thousands of readers worldwide, given the open access nature of our Journal.

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