

“Tot Ziens en Bedankt, Peter”



Volume 15, Issue 4, marks the final issue under the editorship of Dr. Peter Huijbregts. In my six months as the co-editor, Peter's mentorship has been invaluable. His willingness to pass on his knowledge and provide insight is overshadowed only by his remarkable accomplishments within the last 3 years.

Peter's focus for the journal was to increase its sophistication and visibility, allowing easier manuscript submission, access to archived articles, and navigation for the website. He initiated full-text access for subscribers and non-subscribers increasing web traffic to on average 2,000 hits per day. Full-text versions are now available 1 month prior to hard copy. He added open-access online-only content for each issue involving two full-text peer-reviewed articles, book and multimedia reviews, thesis reviews, and the AAOMPT conference proceedings. In addition, Peter added an RSS feed to the website to allow readers to be updated automatically when a new issue is posted online.

He increased article submissions to the journal by 50% through an increased journal profile and by actively seeking submissions on specific topics relevant to orthopedic manual therapy. His interactions led to mutual cooperative agreements with the *Orthopaedic Division Review* in Canada, the *Tijdschrift voor Manuele Therapie* in the Netherlands, and *Manuelle Therapie* in Germany allowing for wider dissemination of papers published in JMMT. In addition, Peter expanded cooperation with *Rehabilitacja Medyczna* in Poland and together with Dr. John Medeiros, he represented the Journal at the inaugural meeting of the International Society of Physiotherapy Journal Editors at WCPT 2007 in Vancouver, BC

Peter expanded the editorial board to include a wide range of disciplines, philosophies, and subject matter expertise. He published material previously unrepresented including the special topic issue on myofascial trigger points (V14N4).

His passion and innovation will be a difficult act to follow.

Once 'retired' from the editor's role, Peter plans to spend more time with his family, and will attempt to rekindle old hobbies or invent new ones. Yet don't count on him resting on his accomplishments. His work will continue in the form of systematic reviews on diagnostic utility of history and physical examination tests and measures commonly

used in manual therapy clinical practice, case reports, and literature reviews on his currently favorite topics, i.e., post-whiplash syndrome, differential diagnosis of tinnitus, physical therapy and manual physical therapy history, and headache diagnosis and management.

He is contributing to a book on manual therapy diagnosis and one on the worldwide history of our PT profession, plans to recruit authors and editors to write books for the book series titled “Current Concepts in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Medicine” that he is editing for Jones and Bartlett Publishers, and will continue to teach and develop courses for the University of St. Augustine, where he has instructed since 2002 as assistant professor of online education. Lastly, clinical practice, which has always been the driving force for Peter, will be a significant focus and he intends to further his studies in acupuncture and pain medicine to better serve his clinical population.

I’m pleased to say Peter will stay with the journal as an advisor and a consultant. We can’t thank you enough for your service to the journal and it is my deepest honor to follow your lead. “Tot ziens en bedankt” (farewell and thank you), my friend.

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