an announcement from the editors

Anne Hahn, who served this journal as Production Editor for 12 years, is leaving us at the end of February 2014. The wonderful November 2013 issue of Current Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CACI) was therefore her last production. Anne always impressed with her high work ethic and extremely accurate editing together with an excellent knowledge of the vagaries of the English language. She was a stickler for perfection and time management when it came to the production of the Journal, but tardy authors and guest editors were always reminded in a very gentle way that the deadline had long passed.

In addition to her function as CACI Production Editor, Anne served ALLSA as roving reporter and photojournalist at our congresses. She was a loyal attendee at our congresses and was always prepared to assist in manning the ALLSA table. Her congress reports serve as testament to her ability to distill the essence of a presentation from a long-winded speaker’s talk. She also managed to capture important moments from our congresses, dinners and awards presentations for posterity in our Journal.

We thank Anne for her contribution to ALLSA, and wish her well for the future.

We welcome Robyn Marais, who is taking over the reigns as our new Editorial Co-ordinator. Robyn has had considerable experience as the personal assistant to the directors of a large clinical research organisation where she worked for 10 years. This was followed by a three year period as the production manager of ‘Geneeskunde’. Robyn has worked as the title operations co-ordinator of nine medical journals for the past 6 years.

Robyn’s functions will include receiving review articles from authors and seeing these articles through the review process, co-ordinating with the guest editors with regard to the issues that they undertake to edit. She will also correspond with the authors directly, as needs be. All advertising, product news and sponsorship details will also be her responsibility as well as the management of the pre-production process for each quarterly issue with Phoenix Design. This will include copy-editing, checking the layout until it is finalised, timeline co-ordination, etc. Robyn will address any queries related to the Current Allergy and Clinical Immunology Journal and she can be contacted at 083 459 5580 or by email at prmarais@mweb.co.za.

With regard to the content of the journal, we have decided to include a regular ‘Case Report’ in the journal with Dr Claudia Gray as section editor. If you have an interesting allergy or immunology case which you would like to share with us, please email the report to claudiagray.paediatrician@gmail.com. Cases will be selected for publication based on their interest and scientific value.

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