

## Editorial

Dear friends

First issue of 2008 is in your hands. Pacific health issues continue to remain in limelight, and Manila office of the WHO has issued a statement about need to put greater efforts to stamp out dengue from Asia Pacific region. This brings home some sobering statistics about situation in the region that is responsible for high numbers of morbidity & mortality. In the same length it also highlights positive outcomes that can be achieved by simple measures to keep the environment free of mosquito breeding grounds.

It gives me an enormous pleasure to introduce two new members in the editorial team. Dr. Shrish Acharya, who is currently pursuing his masters in medicine & is well versed with scientific writing & editorial process. This is evident by a brilliant case report and quiz being published in this issue.

Dr. Nirvana Karan finished her medicine in 2006 and after working as an intern at CWM last year she is working at St Giles hospital. She wants to take up psychiatry as a specialization and love practicing it as well.

Issue of drug abuse and addiction as a challenge for healthcare providers has been described by Choudhury & co authors in their article.

Assessment of Sexually Transmitted Infections, Sexual practices and HIV prevention program in Fiji Islands by Sophaganine & Important factors and issues for HIV/AIDS prevention in Fiji: Possible solution for HIV prevention by Misa are two wonderful articles, outlining current state of prevalence of HIV AIDS situation and possible prevention solution in the country.

A review on the impact of polyphenols on cardiovascular disease and cancer has been conducted by Sharindar Kaur & Helen Moriarty.

WHO publication titled "Assessment of the risk of Hepatotoxicity with Kava products" has been reviewed by S. Sotheeswaran.

And finally, ASHM Conference report by me.

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