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ABSTRACT

A welcome note from the Editor-in-Chief

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Editorial

Welcome to the latest issue of *Res Medica*.

This issue marks the culmination of a critical period in *Res Medica*'s development. It is in the nature of all student-led endeavours to be susceptible to the sands of time, and, with the graduation and departure of the exceptional John Park, responsible for the revitalisation of the journal after its extended hiatus, it was essential the journal maintained its momentum and commitment to furthering the open discourse of all things medicine amongst the international community.

It is a testament, therefore, to the hard work and dedication of our editorial team and the hundreds of students, doctors and academics who contributed to this issue that we are now in a position to ask, 'Where do we go from here?' Having a strong focus on meaningful objectives is vital for a journal that is once again finding its feet, and *Res Medica* is fortunate in having an active and enthusiastic community engaged in the shaping of that focus.

This issue wholeheartedly continues that trend – we once again consider the world of medical education,

this time with a thoughtful treatise on the teaching of virtue-based ethics in the medical curriculum (see *Strachan*) and an insightful analysis of the 'flipped publishing' trend that is allowing enterprising medical students to exercise their penmanship (see *Shahid et al.*) and influence the education process.

As the role of medical students in so many aspects of the academic world is continuing to grow, it is incumbent on those of us involved in the world of medical publishing to support and showcase the talents of those who are making exceptional contributions. This year, *Res Medica* has sought to build new, stronger links with student organisations and we are proud to bring you the fascinating abstracts from this year's conference of the *Royal Medical Society* as well as the prize-winning abstract from the *Edinburgh Student Surgical Society's* conference in March.

It has been a privilege to work with *Res Medica* for the last 3 years, and it is my hope that, in my new role as Editor-in-Chief, I will be able to continue building on the incredible foundation that my predecessor, and the wider editorial team, laboured so passionately to build.

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