

An Editor-in-Chief's farewell Mot du rédacteur en chef

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In February 2014, with the founding editor gone and CMEJ in need, I volunteered to take the helm and step into the role of Editor in Chief. With support from the team, we kept the journal alive and continued the adventure. Over the past 11 years, we have gone far! With this issue, I offer my final editorial from the editor's desk, my swan song, so to speak, and my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to this remarkable chapter.

In three previous editorials and a *Canadiana*, I have documented the tremendous growth and progress of the CMEJ^{1,2,3,4}. Briefly, we expanded the CMEJ production from two issues a year up to six and have been doing so since 2020. Since 2021 we have had over 900 citations per year while our views and downloads have been climbing steeply. Our readership spans the globe with as many US as Canadian readers. Over the last several years we have improved our peer review processes to become better and faster managing over 300 submissions yearly.

Internally, we developed Section Editor Teams and held monthly Senior Section Editor meetings. We established an Editorial Advisory Board consisting of all active editors, and we attracted several partners (Association of Faculties of Medicine, the Canadian Association for Medical Education, the College of Family Physicians Canada, and the Medical Council of Canada) who have now formed the core of a Management Board for the journal. We used some striking artwork submitted to our Images section and together with the artist turned it into the CMEJ Logo (Figure 1).⁵



Figure 1. CMEJ Logo. Created by Sara Guzman, 2020

And we did it together. Not like Frank Sinatra's 1967 hit, where he sang "I did it my way." (Coincidentally, music and lyrics were by Canadians⁶). We did it more along the lines of the proverb that emerged out of Africa (South Africa and eastern Africa as far as scholars can tell) and re-surfaced in modern North American culture in its current form in 2004: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."⁷

Just as we got this far together, we will go farther as we pull together. I am confident that Christina St-Onge and her team will take the CMEJ to new heights.

It has been my honour and privilege to lead the CMEJ since 2014. I will mostly remember the great people I worked with: the editors from the University of Calgary who stayed with me when the transition first started, the CAME foundation who provided some operational grants in the early days, my excellent Saskatoon-based copyeditors and production managers (without whom I would truly have been very lost), the newly recruited editors many of whom are still with us, our medical education partners especially AFMC, and the many authors and reviewers who drive the publication engines.

While I have left the position of Editor-in-Chief, I will continue to play a minor editorial role and occasional advisor as an Editor Emeritus (possibly the first ever).

Thanks!



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