

# A forum for scholarly exchange

## EDITORIAL

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A few of the papers in this issue of *Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics* (AJGG) were initially presented at the 5th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health. This was a very successful event held in Hong Kong from 10 to 14 December 2006. Ageing was a main theme of this conference, attracting 68 presentations and a number of authors indicated they would like to have their papers published in this Journal. We are pleased to say that the papers by Mjelde-Mossey et al,<sup>1</sup> Lai and Chung,<sup>2</sup> as well as Wong and Chong<sup>3</sup> were accepted for publication after going through our normal peer review process. As ageing and mental health and the well-being of older persons are such key issues in many Asian societies today, we are delighted they have chosen to continue their scholarly exchanges and deliberation on issues started in the conference. We expect to see further papers arising from the conference published in the Journal in the near future, as a number of authors have offered to revise and extend their papers for refereeing and publication.

The AJGG welcome manuscripts that have been presented in conferences and symposia locally, regionally, and internationally. We consider it our mission to provide an arena for human service professionals, researchers and academics to start, continue and/or consolidate scholarly exchange and deliberation on issues relating to gerontology and geriatric medicine, especially those with a focus on Asia. We will be delighted to consider such papers and authors can publish in the AJGG with the confidence that their papers are appearing in a peer-reviewed international journal with a strong cross-disciplinary readership.

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