



Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research

Editorial A New Beginning

Each New Year we make wishes and pledges to change and expand our horizons. Such is what we, the Editors of the *Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research* (formerly known as the *Thai Journal of Nursing Research*), are doing. This issue is identified as Issue 14, Volume 1 of the *Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research* because when the name of a journal is changed the volume numbering continues in sequence. However, the change in journal name marks a new beginning of the dissemination and expansion of international nursing research, especially research that has been conducted throughout the Pacific Rim.

The Pacific Rim encompasses 42 countries that touch, or rim, the edge of the Pacific Ocean. They are: American Samoa, Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Korea, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

Many countries around the Pacific Ocean do not have an international journal of nursing research, wherein, nurses can submit a manuscript and receive editorial assistance when attempting to publish their research findings or research-related work. Thus, it is our hope nurses who have or will conduct research, throughout the Pacific Rim countries, will submit scholarly manuscripts to the *Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research* for consideration for publication.

Our intent in changing the name of the journal was not only to encourage increased readership and visibility of the journal, but to clearly identify the journal as an internationally recognized journal for nursing research within the countries around the Pacific Ocean, as well as beyond. The number of articles within each issue of the journal, as well as the number of issues of the journal published each year, will continue to increase in direct relationship to the number of manuscripts accepted for publication.

Thus, the Editors gladly welcome submission of all manuscripts that contain nursing research and research-related content. In other words, manuscripts will be considered for publication that have the following foci: a review of topic-specific research literature; concept development or analysis; research designs or design related issues; instrument development; instrument validity and reliability testing; statistical methods and techniques used in data analysis; pilot studies; and, completed research studies.

“Instructions to Authors,” regarding guidelines for writing and submitting scholarly manuscripts to the *Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research*, can be found at the back of this issue. All authors are encouraged to comply with the “Instructions to Authors” and to revise and resubmit their papers as requested by the editors. By so doing, the international community of nurses will have the opportunity to learn about nursing research being conducted throughout the Pacific Rim countries and beyond. We look forward to receiving your nursing research or research related manuscripts.

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