

From the Editor

Concerning 'Sun protection factor of South African-tested sunscreens',¹ lest there be any perceived conflict of interest, the Editor would like to point out that Dr Summers and the photobiology laboratory at MEDUNSA is one of two in South Africa recognised by CANSAs for the purposes of the 'CANSAs seal of recognition' for sunscreens. While the products presently on the market, about which readers received reassurance, underwent initial testing in Dr Summers' laboratory, the study she refers to in her letter was carried out by the second laboratory.

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1. Summers B. Sun protection factor of South African-tested sunscreens. *S Afr Med J* 2012;102(12):897. [<http://dx.doi.org/10.7196/SAMJ.6428>]

SAMJ gets new Editor-in-Chief

It is with sadness that I note that both Dan Ncayiyana and JP van Niekerk, after a total of 35 years of service to the SAMJ, are to retire.

They served during a period of historical changes, both medically and politically. They covered almost every aspect of medicine as it

related to both the profession and society. I did not always agree with them, but enjoyed their openness and ability to challenge conventional thinking.

I welcome the new incumbent Editor-in-Chief, Professor Janet Seggie, who is a worthy successor in every regard. The SAMJ is fortunate to have such a person available to take up this very influential position. Janet brings with her a commitment to professionalism, ethics, absolute integrity and an incredible work ethic.

She will increase the scientific rigor and international standing of the journal while maintaining an African context. She loves the practice of medicine and has a passion for students and medical education. I am certain that she will be a great success, especially with the continued support of both Dan and JP. The health status of South Africans can only benefit from her appointment.

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'273 Amazing Days - chromosomes' - Peter Folb, 2012.

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