

*Editorial***LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

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Editor

As many of you know, over the last year the Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care has been unavailable at times. We had a number of problems occur during that time but hopefully we have those solved, and are getting back on track. The journal has been reorganized and the web site redesigned. We hope these changes will enhance your use of the Journal.

We have an international editorial board and columns from our board members from Canada and Australia can be found in this issue. Additionally, we are introducing the first CE offering in this issue. Dr. Marietta Stanton has joined the editorial board to manage our CE section. The instructions for CE credit should be clear, however if you have question please feel free to email me at [jdunkin@bama.ua.edu](mailto:jdunkin@bama.ua.edu) or [mstanton@bama.ua.edu](mailto:mstanton@bama.ua.edu).

The development of the International Federation of Rural and Remote Nurses is moving slowly, primarily because we do not yet have the necessary funds to for the legal fees associated with obtaining international non-profit status as an organization. However, we continue to move forward and are hoping the have the 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Rural and Remote Nurses in 2004. We are currently planning to combine that meeting with the International Conference of Nurse Practitioners in the Netherlands. If you would like to help in this exciting endeavor please email me ([jdunkin@bama.ua.edu](mailto:jdunkin@bama.ua.edu)) or [sreel@nursing.Arizona.edu](mailto:sreel@nursing.Arizona.edu).