

# DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTENT AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATION OF SUBMITTED ARTICLES TO IJCH

This issue focuses especially on cancers in circumpolar populations. Beside of these articles we have also three other original articles in this issue. This special issue is the second one this year together with the Sami health special issue published in early 2008. Each special issue is the results of a deep, long lasting collaboration between a wide group of specialized experts and the editors of the journal. We see this type of co-operation valuable for our readers. It is our interest to publish material which is focused on a special content of varying volumes, from a collection of a few articles to a full issue. I am able to tell you that the next special issue of our journal is related to the occurrence and prevention of suicides in circumpolar areas and will be published in June next year.

This journal is oriented to health and wellbeing of circumpolar populations. Today we recognize an increasing number of wellbeing articles, besides of the health and medicine content. This development fits well with our scope. The regional origin of the articles 7-8 years ago was relatively imbalanced between the different geographical regions of the northern globe. In the couple of previous years manuscripts are annually submitted to us in roughly the same amount from Canada, USA/Alaska and the three Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden

and Finland). In addition, the amount of submissions from Greenland/Denmark and Russia/other countries account for approximately half of the papers of the previously mentioned countries. IJCH is today recognized as a well-known publishing forum in all of the circumpolar regions. The amount of manuscripts submitted to us have increased more than 50% in the last 5 years. We explain this as a sign of an increase in professional activity in the north. This certainly helps the Arctic Council in its priority setting and increasing its activities in human health and wellbeing.

This editorial is my last one as an Editor-in-Chief. The past 7,5 years in the lead of this journal has been a special privilege to me, and I've enjoyed the strong positive collaboration of all circumpolar countries and so many of their institutions. This co-operation has produced the journal IJCH and CHS (Circumpolar Health Supplements) as widely used and recognized information channels for health and wellbeing professionals, scientists and authorities. These forums are owned and guided by the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers. I wish successful coming years for both of these journals and their new Editor-in-Chief Dr. Tiina Mäkinen, our capable editor since 2002. She will be more properly introduced in the next issue.

*Thank you and farewell,  
Juhani Hassi, Editor-in-Chief*

## ERRATA

There was an unfortunate mistake in the title of the editorial of vol. 67 no 4. The title in the printed issue should read "International Polar Year and ICCH Yellowknife 2009 activate circumpolar health professionals" (The name Yellowstone was incorrectly included and the mistake has been corrected to the electronic text. The editorial office apologizes for the inconvenience.)