

The *BJGP* International Advisory Board

We are delighted to announce the creation of an International Advisory Board for the *BJGP* and to welcome over 30 distinguished clinicians and academics from around the world as its members. The origins of the studies we publish in the Journal and the website hits and downloads indicate that the *BJGP* already has a considerable global presence, which we now wish to consolidate and extend.

We hope that our international advisers will perform a number of functions, including promoting the *BJGP* to potential readers and authors in their countries, assisting with reviewing and editorial tasks, and giving us advice on key policy, educational, service delivery, and academic developments in primary care, which we intend to reflect in an expansion of material in the Journal looking at primary care across the world. In return, we hope that we can work with colleagues outside the UK to make the *BJGP* content more accessible, where technology and financial constraints presently create problems, support and assist potential authors in preparing material for submission to the Journal, and highlight key challenges facing primary care for which publication in an international journal may be of assistance.

We will operate largely as a virtual Board, although we will try to come together in as large a group as possible at meetings such as the Wonca regional and world congresses and the North American Primary Care Group meetings. We hope that these face-to-face editorial board

meetings may catalyse further interactions between clinicians and researchers in different countries and, if we can find the necessary resources, act as foci for educational or policy discussion meetings in countries where primary care requires strengthening or development.

The International Advisory Board consists of the following colleagues:

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In the next month or two we hope to expand the Board to include representatives of other countries with whom we think the Journal should have links.

Our first meeting will take place at the Wonca regional conference in Warsaw, Poland, in September 2011 and will be associated with open workshops on writing and reviewing for peer reviewed journals, to which Board members will be contributing.

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