

From the editor

I am delighted to present the last issue of the year 2021 which is also my last as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal*. Incidentally, this is also the culmination of its 50th anniversary year. Over the last 3.5 years, we published 14 issues and a Public Health supplement of the *Journal*. Each of them was very well received and provided impetus for us to work harder for the *Journal's* growth. I am especially pleased that the all-round changes effected by us to the *Journal* in these years has generated countless positive feedbacks and appreciation from the readers across the globe. Our footprint has widened over this time (please see figure 1 below) with authors and reviewers now representing many more countries and wider recognition from outwith the College. Though there has been sustained improvement in several areas, there remain critical lacunae which may potentially hamper the further progress of the *Journal* (please see Table 1 on page 6 of the March 2021 issue) and therefore require due attention.

I am grateful to the College for the opportunity to lead the *Journal*. My sincere thanks to Professor Derek Bell, past president of the College for his tremendous support to the *Journal* over the years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our peer reviewers for their voluntary provision of time and efforts in assessing an ever increasing number of manuscripts submitted to the *Journal*. A full list of reviewers from the year 2021 can be found on page 422.

I would also like to thank the Fellows and Members of our College for their support to the *Journal* as authors and taking part in promoting the *Journal*.

My heartfelt appreciation to our editorial assistant, Mr Russell Davidson for his efficient handling of all aspects of the *Journal* and to the members of the editorial board and the international advisory network for their massive inputs over the years. I am sure that you have enjoyed great covers of the *Journal* designed by Mr Colin Reekie as much as I have and my special thanks to him.

I wish you all season's greetings and the best of 2022.

We welcome feedback or suggestions regarding any aspect of *JRCPE* by email to drvinod12@gmail.com, or to the editorial team at editorial@rcpe.ac.uk.

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Figure 1 Author and reviewer countries (2018–21)

