MJA Centenary Program FRIDAY, 4 JULY

Registration 9.00am – 10.00am
104 Lecture Theatre, New Law School Building, The University of Sydney

Symposium 10.00am – 5.00pm

10:00am – 10:30am Welcome to Country 100 years of the MJA: its role in medicine in Australia
Emeritus Professor Stephen Leeder

10:30am – 11:15am Scientific journals from 1660 to 2060: from birth to death
Professor Richard Smith

11:15am – 11:45am Morning tea

11:45am – 12:15pm When is not enough, enough? Sharing clinical trial results with our patients and peers
Professor Karen Woolley

12:15pm – 1:00pm Panel Discussion – Controversies in medical journals
(Talking points to include – authorship, conflict of interest, research misconduct, making all data available, failure to publish trials, dependency on pharmaceutical companies, impact factors)
Dr Christine Gee, Ms Kath Ryan, Professor John Simes, Ms Melissa Sweet

1:00pm – 2:30pm Lunch

2:30pm – 3:00pm Publishing 2.0 – digital medical publishing
Dr Virginia Barbour

3:00pm – 3:30pm Medical editing – the agony and the ecstasy
Dr Kerri Parnell

3:30pm – 4:00pm Afternoon tea

4:00pm – 4:45pm Panel Discussion – The modern journal
(Talking points to include – relationships between owners and editors, problems with peer review, the role of national journals in a global world, the future of medical associations and what this means for journals)
Emeritus Professor Stephen Leeder, Dr Megan Hickie, Professor Simon Chapman, Professor Frank Frizelle

4:45pm – 5:00pm Closing remarks

Reception 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Reception and Rare Books Exhibit – Fisher Library

Cover image: The MJA’s first editor, Henry William Armit (1870–1930) Armit was appointed Editor of The Medical Journal of Australia in 1914.
Emeritus Professor Stephen Leeder AO

100 years of the MJA: its role in medicine in Australia

Professor Leeder is editor-in-chief of the MJA. He is currently chair of the Western Sydney Local Health District Board and director of the Western Sydney Local Health District’s research network. Prof Leeder is an emeritus professor of public health and community medicine at the University of Sydney. He is also a poet.

Professor Richard Smith

Scientific journals from 1660 to 2060: from birth to death

Professor Smith worked at the BMJ from 1979 and was editor and chief executive of the BMJ Publishing Group from 1991 until 2004. He is director of the UnitedHealth Chronic Disease Initiative, a program with the US National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Coming from a family of comedians, he enjoys making porridge, soup, marmalade and trouble.

Professor Karen Woolley

When is not enough, enough? Sharing clinical trial results with our patients and peers

Professor Woolley is the division lead for ProScribe – part of the Envision Pharma Group. She is also a director of the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, adjunct professor at the University of the Sunshine Coast, a director of the International Society for Medical Publication Professionals, a life member of the Association of Regulatory and Clinical Scientists, an honorary fellow of the American Medical Writers Association, and founder of the Global Alliance of Publication Professionals. Prof Woolley also surfs.

Dr Virginia Barbour

Publishing 2.0 – digital medical publishing

Dr Barbour joined PLOS in 2004 as one of the three founding editors of PLOS Medicine. She is now Medicine Editorial Director for PLOS. She is chair of the Committee on Publication Ethics, a director of the World Association of Medical Editors and has been involved in the CONSORT and QUOROM statements and the Equator Initiative. She is on the steering group of the AllTrials initiative.

Dr Kerri Parnell

Medical editing – the agony and the ecstasy

Dr Parnell is publisher and editor-in-chief of Australian Doctor. She is a GP and has a practice in Artarmon on Sydney’s lower North Shore.
Dr Christine Gee is a deputy editor at the MJA. After completing her medical studies at the University of NSW, Christine worked as an intern and resident at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital before diversifying into the medical device and pharmaceutical industries. Her experience ranges from commercial roles in sales and marketing, to medical roles which involved reviewing and producing evidence-based educational material for health care professionals and other industry stakeholders.

Ms Kath Ryan is the editor of MJA InSight, the weekly online newsletter from the publishers of the MJA. Kath has worked in medical journalism for more than 25 years. She is a former editor of Australian Doctor, has done project work with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, federal and NSW government health departments and United Medical Protection (now Avant), and has acted as a consultant to medical publishers. She has also worked in public relations in Brisbane.

Ms Melissa Sweet is an independent journalist, media columnist, author, blogger and enthusiastic tweeter. She covers public health, with a particular focus on underserved areas and issues. She coordinates Crikey’s health blog, Croakey, and supports other new media innovation through her work with the Public Interest Journalism Foundation.

Dr Megan Hickie was editor-in-chief of the Medical Student Journal of Australia (MSJA) in 2013 and is currently an intern in the emergency department at Canberra Hospital. Her most recent publications have been in Australian Family Physician, Academic Medicine and the MJA. She has also authored pieces for the MSJA and the National Gallery of Australia’s artmed program.

Professor John Simes is senior principal research fellow and founding director of the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre. He also practises as a medical oncologist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and is professor of clinical epidemiology in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney.

Professor Simon Chapman AO is a professor of public health at the University of Sydney. In 1997 he won the World Health Organization’s World No Tobacco Day Medal and in 2003 he was awarded the American Cancer Society’s Luther L. Terry Award for outstanding individual leadership in tobacco control. In 2008 he won the NSW Premier’s Award for Outstanding Cancer Researcher of the Year and the Public Health Association of Australia’s Sidney Sax medal, and was a finalist in Australian of the Year. He was deputy editor (1992–1997) then editor (1998–2008) of the BMJ’s Tobacco Control and is now its editor emeritus.

Professor Frank Frizelle has been editor-in-chief of the New Zealand Medical Journal since 2002. He is professor of colorectal surgery at Christchurch Hospital, and is academic head of the department of surgery at the University of Otago.
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Symposium

104 Lecture Theatre, New Law School Building, The University of Sydney

MJA Centenary Dinner

The MJA Centenary Dinner will be held in the University of Sydney’s Great Hall.

Guests with tickets for this event should begin to make their way to the Great Hall at 6:30pm. A smoking ceremony will be performed on the University Lawn by the Gadigal Clan of the Eora People before guests enter the Hall for dinner.