

SHINe Journal Update for the AGM 2007

Since the last AGM there have been 4 issues of the journal published with 6 main articles, 3 guest articles, 7 Meeting/Training Reports, 2 Spotlights, and 12 book reviews.

In the last year a new editorial group has brought a new dynamic to the journal, not only providing support and content in their own areas but also providing ideas, and contacts for the continuing development of the journal.

The editorial group are Tracey McKee – the book review editor, Joanna Ptolomey the Spotlight editor, Chloe Stewart the index editor, and Michele Hilton Boon the copy editor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work over the last year. Although the journal is very healthy in the support it is given by the editorial group – we would not turn down anyone who wanted to volunteer, if you have ideas for segments or articles, or want to take part in the continued development of the journal then we would like to hear from you.

I would also like to thank the Website group for their work in supporting the journal. As you know the journal moved from being print and electronic to electronic only in the last year – the website group ensure that within days (and sometimes hours) of the journal being finalised it is available on the website for the membership.

In addition to this Chloe Stewart a member of both groups has been working under the leadership of the website group on re-indexing the articles on the SHINe website as well as working with LISA on getting our articles on the database – ensuring that both our membership and the professional at large have access to the published work of SHINe in the SHINe Journal.

Over the next year we will work to continue to develop the journal, both the quality and quantity of content – indeed for the first time since I took over as editor when we finished the last issue we already had content for the next in place. New and improved guidance and templates will be made available on the website to assist authors. It will also be my intention to step down as editor within the next year. Once a new editor has been identified I will work with them on an effective hand over. This will be my last AGM on this side of the table. I would finally like to thank the SHINe committee – it has been very gratifying to be part of it for the last 5 years, and have appreciated all the support and advice that has been given in that time. I would also like to thank the membership without you there would be no journal.