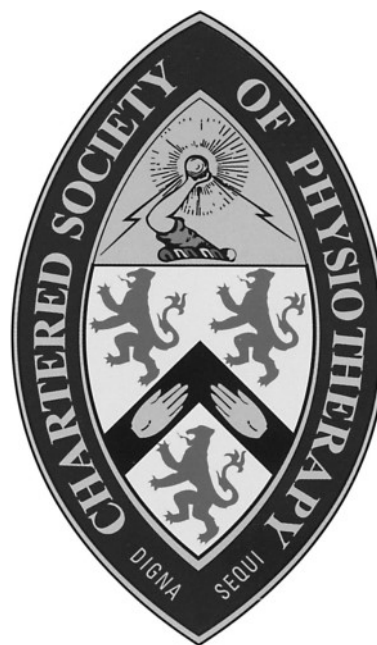


Editorial

It has been a busy few months for both of us. As the cover of this edition shows, Kathleen was awarded a Fellowship by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) at the end of last year. The awards ceremony was held in November and was a very gracious occasion, as Daphne Sidney, who received a Distinguished Service Award, reports (see "Notes and news", p. 64). It was a very special day and Kathleen enjoyed it immensely. She was supported by the paediatric respiratory physiotherapist who, along with a physiotherapy manager and an ex-member of her staff, nominated her for a Fellowship. We hope that our membership will read of these achievements, and perhaps, think about colleagues who deserve recognition for their work and look to the awards process to ensure that no heroes remain unsung.

To guarantee that women's health remains well represented at the CSP awards, we must make sure that our organization continues to be strong, with plenty of new and willing recruits taking up positions on both the Executive and our various committees. This is proving very challenging at the moment. At the Journal Committee teleconference on Saturday 3 December 2011, it was formally noted that, despite our best efforts, no one has stepped forward to fill the vacant positions in this subcommittee. This is of particular concern because we will finish our 3-year term of editorship at the September 2012 Conference and, as yet, nobody has volunteered to take over the role. We cannot sustain *JACPWH* if the membership is not willing to undertake some of the work involved. Please consider carefully if you can spare some time to help the Association remain the robust professional body that it has become. If you want further information, then please e-mail a member of the Executive Committee to let them know that you are interested. You will be advised on how you may be able to help; other-



wise, the baton that Daphne talks of passing on will be lost.

We are delighted to have been given permission to reprint the joint report on the terminology for female pelvic floor dysfunction from the International Urogynecological Association and the International Continence Society in this edition (see pp. 33–57). We feel that this will prove to be an excellent learning tool for our readers. Both of us have worked for many years as the sole women's health physiotherapist in the hospital – or indeed, the trust! – and understand the difficulty in accessing or even being aware of good-quality papers.

We plan to start a letters page in the *Journal*, so please give us your opinion on such matters as:

- topics you feel strongly about;
- examples of good practice;
- what you like and dislike in *JACPWH* or on the website; and
- ideas for research.

We look forward to reading your contributions and to news of members willing to take over from us. We can promise that you will learn new skills, meet interesting people and add to your continuing professional development.

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Finally, you have probably noticed that this issue is much larger than the recent editions have been, so enjoy reading it and don't forget

to visit the new website to access lots more material.

Kathleen Vits & Linda Boston

Cover image: Daphne Sidney (left) and Kathleen Vits (right) at the fifth annual Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Awards held at the Hotel Russell in London on Friday 18 November 2011. Daphne received a Distinguished Service Award and a Fellowship was conferred on Kathleen.

Copy deadline

Copy (including disks) for the Autumn 2012 and Spring 2013 editions of the *Journal* (Nos 111 and 112) must be submitted to the editors by **13 March 2012** and **6 September 2012**, respectively. Please note that academic and clinical articles must be received well before the deadline since time must be allowed so that these can be peer reviewed. Manuscripts should be printed on one side of A4 paper, **double-spaced** with a wide margin, and adhere to the author's guidelines found on pp. 68–70 and on the ACPWH website (<http://acpwh.csp.org.uk/>). Articles for consideration should be sent to Mrs Kathleen Vits, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Princess Anne Hospital, Tremona Road, Southampton SO16 6YA, UK.