

Editorial

This edition of the *Journal of Pelvic, Obstetric and Gynaecological Physiotherapy* marks the end of Gráinne's first year as editor and chair of the Journal Subcommittee (JSC), and Biljana's fifth supporting her and the wider journal team. It contains a substantial collection of research, reviews and news gathered by the dedicated volunteers who make up the JSC. We work together as a dynamic and evolving team, and most importantly, strive to be inclusive for you, our members. Andrew, our managing editor, liaises with the JSC to ensure that everyone's contributions are included in each issue. Thank you all for your hard work!

We would like to take this opportunity to give our special thanks to Christine Addington, who has stepped away from her co-editor role in order to pursue the next stage of her postdoctoral research and a preceptorship in pelvic health physiotherapy. We would also like to offer our thanks and gratitude to Anna Crowle, outgoing research reviews co-editor, who is returning to being a specialist paediatric physiotherapist for now. Anna will always be a part of the POGP community, and we look forward to working with her in the future. We also extend a welcome to Rosie Harper, who has stepped into Anna's shoes and will join Katharine Mamy as research reviews co-editor.

Following years of virtual learning, it is extremely exciting to see the return of live, in-person conferences, events and courses around the world. Many of you may have recently attended:

- the Primary Care and Public Health Conference in Birmingham, UK (17–18 May 2023);
- the Female Athlete Conference in Boston, MA, USA (14–16 June 2023); and
- the 48th Annual Meeting of the International Urogynecological Association in The Hague, the Netherlands (21–24 June 2023).

Furthermore, some of you may be preparing to attend or present at this autumn's annual meeting of International Continence Society in Toronto, Canada (27–29 September 2023). We would love to hear about your experiences and impressions of these events because they often offer invaluable opportunities for international

colleagues and peers to have rich clinical and scientific discussions. These may even lead to service changes and new research collaborations, or provide the inspiration to embark on postgraduate study. Many of us will be able to recall chance meetings with a colleague at virtual events or via social media channels, and the return of in-person events this year may well bring us and our profession even closer. That's why we are excited to see the preparations being made for the POGP Annual Conference in York, UK, on 3–4 November (POGP 2023). While speakers are being lined up and getting ready to present, our teams are busy reviewing the research and poster submissions, and we look forward to featuring these in our Spring 2024 edition. It's been wonderful to receive your entries. We're excited to watch the journal develop and become increasingly visible worldwide. This is particularly evident from the growing number of international submissions of clinical papers, literature reviews and clinical commentaries.

While we continue to work on increasing the visibility of *JPOGP*, we also want to recognize the success of our members in achieving publication in other journals in our field. Therefore, in this issue, we've decided to reprint Campbell *et al.*'s (2023, pp. 19–28) research report on pelvic floor dysfunction in recreational athletes, which was originally published online ahead of print in the *International Urogynecology Journal*. This is followed by their original qualitative study of the perspectives of women living and exercising with these issues, which is derived from the same research project, the PREDICT survey (see pp. 29–37).

Technology represents another evolving aspect of our profession. An ever-important part of our lives and working practices today, new gadgets and devices are proliferating. You may enjoy our product review of EVB Sport Pelvic Support Shorts (pp. 79–80). Furthermore, for this edition, our research reviews team focus on ultrasound imaging technology within pelvic health because of the rapidly developing role of point-of-care ultrasound within physiotherapy research and practice (pp. 73–75). As technology advances (even during times when we were unprepared, such as the recent global pandemic), virtual platforms

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continue to be an evolving and more-convenient option for continuous learning. Members will continue to be able to access POGP's virtual and in-person courses, and our ongoing webinar series on research methodology.

We hope that you enjoy reading this edition as much as we did when putting it together. Let us know if you have comments or feedback about the journal or individual articles, and don't forget that we welcome letters to the editor on pressing or topical issues that are relevant to the profession. If you're interested in becoming more involved with POGP, the JSC are welcoming new

team members. Please don't hesitate to contact us (e-mail: journal@thepogp.co.uk).

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Copy deadlines

Copy for the Spring and Autumn 2024 editions of the journal (Nos 134 and 135) must be submitted to the editor by **14 September 2023** and **14 March 2024**, 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 presented double-spaced with a wide margin, and adhere to the author's guidelines found on the POGP website (https://thepogp.co.uk/journals/authors_guidelines/guidelines.aspx), which can be accessed using the QR code on the right. Articles for consideration should be sent to Gráinne Donnelly (e-mail: journal@thepogp.co.uk).

