

Entering a new era

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Introduction

In the final edition of *Br J Diabetes Vasc Dis* as a SAGE publication in 2013, the editorial¹ alluded to discussions about the journal being taken over by ABCD. The conclusion of those discussions sees *BJDVD*, volume 14, relaunched as the official journal of ABCD. Professional organisations need a clear and loud voice. ABCD is no exception and has been aware of the limitations imposed by not having a house journal to promote its goals. ABCD was founded in 1997 and the officers wished to establish a journal but lacked the resources. The ABCD Newsletter has served as the only printed output from ABCD and Peter Winocour's valedictory editorial is on pages 41-42.

BJDVD - the past

The first edition of *BJDVD* was published in August 2001 and launched at the EASD in Glasgow – a meeting punctuated by the events of 9/11. The previous editorial team of Ian Campbell, Cliff Bailey and Caroline Day have placed the journal in a market niche between *Diabetic Medicine* and *Practical Diabetes International*. The journal has had strong professional values, a loyal base of readers and contributors who have valued the free to publish, free to read ethos² and the policy of making the process of submitting manuscripts as user friendly as possible.

BJDVD - the future

The opportunity for ABCD to acquire *BJDVD* came suddenly and recently. ABCD has grasped the opportunity to make *BJDVD* its house journal and the enthusiasm and abundant goodwill from all has made the relaunch project a pleasure. Ian Campbell who has been a great champion of the journal has retired, but accepted the role of Consultant Editor. ABCD is delighted that Cliff and Caroline will continue as editors, and that Paul Grant, who has previous editorial experience with *Clinical Medicine*, has agreed to join them.

How the journal will evolve in the future is something which will be addressed by the new editorial team working with the ABCD executive and membership. The wish is to provide a voice

Abbreviations and acronyms

ABCD	Association of British Clinical Diabetologists
BJDVD	British Journal of Diabetes & Vascular Disease
EASD	European Association for the Study of Diabetes
NHS	National Health Service

for the Association and a resource for diabetologists in the broadest sense, i.e. all independent practitioners in diabetes. I believe the grafting of *BJDVD* onto the rootstock of ABCD will produce vigorous new growth, and hope you will value and use the journal.

Articles you wish to be considered for publication should be submitted to <http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/bjdvdm.htm>

Action for diabetes

In the first edition of the journal the late and much missed Harry Keen wrote³ that “the diabetes community awaits, with a mixture of suspended expectation and cautious enthusiasm, the report, recommendations and, most crucially, the implementation of the Department of Health's National Service Framework for Diabetes”. Several health service reorganisations and a recession later, the diabetes community waits with similarly suspended expectation to see if NHS England can deliver on the action plan outlined in the recently published ‘Action for Diabetes’;⁴ and if the clinical commissioning groups can live up to the high expectations placed on their limited infrastructure or whether political impatience will set in place a further cycle of change.

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