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Team efforts produce medical journals. Authors devote years to their research and the papers they yield, reviewers and copy-editors help strengthen authors' papers, editors select the gems from among papers submitted, and editorial boards help editors set journal policy. And coordinating all of this—the people, the schedules, the workflow, the institutional relationships—is a journal's managing editor, who makes sure all of this happens, smoothly and on-time, to turn out each issue.

Marie-Louise Panis has been the managing editor of *Education for Health*, its behind-the-scenes grand wizard, for the past 12 years. Issue after issue, Marie-Louise has helped assure that the journals' readers see the very best, most polished papers possible. Authors and reviewers have come to rely on her guidance throughout the journal review process. Marie-Louise has served wonderfully in the managing editor role because of her talents with languages, attention to detail, insistence on perfection, and her people and communications skills. Central to her effectiveness has also been her devotion to the journal and its readers, staff and mission. She deeply cares.

Behind Marie-Louise and also Pauline Vluggen, the journal's perennial source of support, has been Maastricht University in the Netherlands, which has served as *Education for Health's* physical home for all of its 24 years. Maastricht University has generously provided free to the journal its managing editor and journal secretary, office space, computer systems, and everything else that makes a journal 'work,' all with little expectation of recognition for its contributions. Maastricht University's support stems in no small part from its organizational goal to be 'focused on the World,'¹ congruent with the mission of both the journal and its parent organization, The Network: Towards Unity for Health. The relationship has been long and fruitful.

But all things change. For the journal, the current issue now before you is the last that will come out under Marie-Louise Panis' guidance and with Maastricht University's support. Marie-Louise will transition to other roles at Maastricht. As editors, colleagues



and friends, we wish Marie-Louise and her family the very best in the future. We and the journal's entire community are grateful for her capable and steady hand that has helped guide the journal for these many years, helping it grow and thrive. We wish Marie-Louise a fond adieu.

Change for a journal can be unsteady, especially when losing a strong managing editor and fine organizational home. But change also brings new opportunities, as it does now for *Education for Health*. Happily, the journal's home will transition on January 1st 2012 to the Maharashtra University of the Health Sciences (MUHS) in India. With Dr. Arun Jamkar, Vice Chancellor, MUHS and Dr. Payal Bansal, the new managing editor on the journal's leadership team, we are excited about the opportunities that will surely follow the journal's transition to MUHS. Readers can look forward to the first issue of 2012, in which an editorial from Dr. Bansal will introduce the journal's community to her and the Maharashtra University of the Health Sciences. Those of us who have begun working with her and her colleagues in India know the journal's future remains bright.

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