

CJNR's First "Reviewer of the Year": Dr. Judith Wuest for the Year 2000

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As *CJNR* readers well know, the Journal relies heavily on reviewers to maintain excellence in what is printed within its pages. In the June 2000 issue, I described the publication process, including the various forms of reviewer support implemented since the beginning of my tenure as Associate Editor (Gagnon, 2000). Included was a description of the process of carrying out a performance evaluation of each reviewer and sharing all evaluations with the reviewers on an annual basis. This global "review of reviewers" also provides the editorial board with a structured opportunity to see the strength of our pool of reviewers in supporting the Journal's mission.

Given the number of excellent reviews identified, we have decided to highlight one excellent reviewer per year as a way of honouring the work of all. The first recipient of this honour is Dr. Judith Wuest, for her outstanding contributions as a reviewer during the year 2000.

Dr. Wuest has shown great consistency in the excellence of her reviews. She reviews each manuscript in its entirety, giving appropriate attention to every one of its aspects, ensuring that each valid and clearly worded portion of the manuscript adds up to a coherent whole. She clearly offers suggestions regarding content, organization, style, and, when they are needed, references. She is constructive in her approach to the author, using a tone that suggests her aim is to mentor her colleagues rather than criticize them. Finally, her comments to the editors are consistently accurate and pertinent.

Dr. Wuest is a professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) and, as of January 2002, a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Investigator co-sponsored with the UNB under the Regional Partnerships Program. She received her undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Toronto in 1967, her master's in nursing from Dalhousie University in 1989, and her PhD from Wayne

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State University in 1995. Her research interests are in the field of women's health, particularly women's caring and care-giving and intimate-partner violence, and she has a passion for qualitative research methods, especially grounded theory. She has published more than three dozen peer-reviewed articles and chapters in books related to research findings and research methods, has received grants from various sources, and has sat on numerous committees key to the health of Canadians. Dr. Wuest is not new to receiving distinctions. She received a Merit Award from the Nurses Association of New Brunswick in 1998, a Leadership Award in Women's Health from the Maritime Centre of Excellence in Women's Health in 2000, and the Canadian Association of Nursing Research Award for Excellence in 2001.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Wuest for a job well done. Her work with the Journal has helped authors to improve their manuscripts and clarify their thoughts, editors to publish quality work, and readers to advance their knowledge in the discipline.

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