

Message from the NACA President: Introducing the Journal's new editors-in-chief, and reflections on NACA's role

Let's start with the exciting news. NACA's Clean Air Journal has a new trio at the helm: Dr Caradee Wright, Dr Rebecca Garland and Dr Gregor Feig (they usually list their names in alphabetical order, but I thought I'd list ladies first for a change). The website of the Clean Air Journal is already live (www.cleanairjournal.org.za); the editorial advisory board has been re-constituted; and there are great plans to increase the number of articles published and get the Journal accredited. I hope that you will be reading more about the vision and plans of the new editors-in-chief on this page in future issues. And please submit your article for publication!

A huge thank you to Dr Gerrit Kornelius, who has been editor-in-chief of the Clean Air Journal for the last 32 years. Gerrit truly has left a lasting legacy for the South African air quality community.

The new energy that has been injected into the Clean Air Journal comes at a fortuitous time for NACA. This year, NACA conducted a survey to find out what members want. The answers? Seminars on new legislation and training. Members definitely want activities at branch level. What can NACA do better? Communicate. So it seems there is a need for NACA, but perhaps NACA's activities are not meeting these needs adequately.

I feel NACA's main aim should be to bring together the air quality community. Through the building of relationships and the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experience, we can become (and I believe already are) the whole that is greater than the sum of the parts.

I would like to encourage everyone reading this to get more involved with NACA. There are a few stalwarts who have been steering NACA, and more importantly doing all the hard work, for many years now. It's time for new people to take over the reins. So join your local branch council. Attend NACA events. Post something on the website. You really do get out what you put in.

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