

## Editorial

### CHANGES ARE AFOOT

As we all know from time to time software undergoes changes. The OJS software of the journal will be upgraded to OJS 3 at the end of June. The upgrade will result in a new look. There will be changes to the dashboard for authors, reviewers and editors. We are looking forward to using the OJS 3 software.

Other changes that are afoot are discussed in this issue. The authors unpack role extension and advanced practice in their paper *An opinion on role extension, and advance practice in the South African radiography context. Where are we heading and what should aspire to?* They include the importance of artificial intelligence (AI) in imaging. AI will become part of our daily work in radiography within the near future. This means that there is a need for short courses on AI for radiographers in South Africa. Hopefully this will soon be a reality as processing of patient data and AI is very topical in the literature.<sup>[1-4]</sup>

Of importance, when considering AI, is the use of patients' data. It is important therefore that all relevant legislation is complied with.<sup>[5-8]</sup> It is also recommended that radiographers are familiar with the ethical guidelines of the HPCSA.<sup>[9]</sup> There are several HPCSA booklets that pertain to ethical practice, informed consent, and patient records. For example, booklets 1 to 5, 9 and 16.<sup>[9]</sup> We should be conversant with the protection of patients' information because from 1 July 2021 all must comply with POPIA.<sup>[8]</sup>

In this issue there are a range of articles that cover different topics. The aim of the journal is to provide authors with a platform to publish papers and for readers to gain knowledge to keep abreast with the literature. This issue does address this aim.

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