

Welcoming Our First Latin America EBM Global Editor: Dr. Nicola Conran

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When I interviewed for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine (EBM), almost 12 years ago, I told the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine (SEBM) Council that one of my major goals would be to globalize the journal and society. As you know over the past 10 years we have opened journal and society offices at the National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan; King's College London in the United Kingdom; Sichuan University in Chengdu China, in addition to our US offices in Washington DC, and College Station Texas. In addition we began the very successful International Experimental Biology and Medicine Conference (IEBMC) which is about to hold its 5th Annual meeting on October 5–8, 2017, in Rijeka Croatia on Biological Clocks: Mechanisms and Application. We have come a very long way since 2006. Now 85% of our EBM manuscripts come from outside the US (the ratio was reversed in 2006) and a quick look at our rapidly expanding Editorial Board demonstrates that a major portion of our Associate Editors and Editorial Board come from outside the US. We expect these numbers to continue growing in the coming years.

For a number of years our SEBM Past President Warren Zimmer, SEBM President Peter Stambrook and I have wanted to identify a Latin America EBM Editor and open an EBM/SEBM Latin America Office in Brazil. The reasons are simple. For the past 5 years Brazil has ranked number 3, only behind China and the United States, in manuscripts submitted to EBM. Thus far, in 2017, 5.2% of EBM manuscripts submitted come from Brazil and 7.0% from Latin America (inclusive of Brazil). We would like to see an increase in Latin American SEBM membership, EBM Library and personal subscriptions and EBM submissions. We feel that opening the EBM/SEBM Latin America Office, naming our EBM Latin America Editor, and holding a future IEBMC conference in Brazil will help us accomplish these goals.

It has taken a few years but we have identified the right person to be our EBM Latin America Editor: Dr. Nicola Conran. Nicola is originally from The United Kingdom. Since 1997, she has been at the University of Campinas in Brazil where she currently holds the position of Senior Research Scientist at the University's Hematology Center. Dr. Conran is a leading sickle cell researcher. Her research focuses principally on investigating pathophysiological aspects of sickle cell disease (SCD) and hemolytic processes.



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Nicola is interested in understanding the role of inflammatory processes in the vascular and tissue alterations of SCD and the contribution of hemolysis to this inflammation. She has had an outstanding record of publication and funding for this work. Dr. Conran currently serves as Associate Editor of the Brazilian Journal of Hematology and Hemotherapy.

Nicola is located at the University of Campinas (UNICAMP) which is one of the best Universities in Brazil. A number of international university rankings place it amongst the best universities in the world. The University of Campinas has recently been ranked number one on the 2017 Times list for Universities in Latin America. UNICAMP offers 68 different undergraduate degrees, including medicine, dentistry, several engineering degrees, basic natural and human sciences, applied sciences, education and arts. Its admission process is one of the most competitive in Brazil, selecting only 3,320 applicants from over



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Hematology Center where Nicola has her laboratory and where the EBM/SEBM Office will reside

75 thousand yearly. The university has nearly 1,800 faculty members with a prolific research output - close to 8% of all

indexed scientific papers in Brazil include an author or coauthor from UNICAMP.

Dr. Conran works within the Hematology Center at UNICAMP. I look forward to visiting her for an inaugural visit to our EBM/SEBM office and future planning of our first IEBMC meeting in Brazil.

I know that I speak for the entire SEBM membership and EBM Editorial Board in welcoming Dr. Nicola Conran to our SEBM/EBM Community. I could not be more pleased in announcing our first Latin America Global Editor to the team.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "St. R. Goodman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Steven R. Goodman
Editor-in-Chief