

# Editorial

This edition of *Synergy* is the first in its new home; a very exciting and momentous development.

*Synergy* was 15 years old in 2018, an achievement we are very proud of. The journal began its life in paper-format in 2003 and went online in 2009. The website that housed the journal from 2009 was limping along in recent times, and last year it was decided an upgrade was in order. The process has been long but the hard work and perseverance of all involved is to be commended. Monica Williams, our extraordinary tech support at SLAV, had the contract for migrating the site and her dedication, knowledge and perseverance are to be celebrated. She has given us a new home with greater functionality and a great look – retaining the feel of the old while giving the journal a new life. We are indebted to her and we hope you enjoy *Synergy* in its new home.

At the beginning of 2019 we farewelled two board members, Chris Lean and Julia Petrov, whom we thank for their help and support during their time on the board. It is wonderful to welcome new members to replace Chris and Julia and we are thrilled to share that Margaret Simkin and Margaret Sinnott have both agreed to take up a role on the board. We welcome the experience and knowledge they bring and hope they enjoy their involvement with the journal.

For 2019 we have a new guest author in our Reflections and Actions section – Julie Lindsay. We are thrilled to have this experienced global educator joining us for 2019. Many of you will have heard Julie at our first conference for 2019 as she was a featured speaker on her area of global collaboration. We are thrilled that she has agreed to extend her relationship with SLAV by being our guest author this year.

We are also introducing a new section to the journal in 2019. We have invited Anita Brooks Kirkland to author an ongoing section sharing with us her views and ideas with a focus on developments in her home country of Canada. We are excited to learn from Anita and welcome her to this role with the journal. We know our readers will find her work interesting and inspiring, she was a very successful guest with the journal in 2018 and this new role was a logical extension of that relationship.

This is a time of change; a good thing as journals like *Synergy* should always be reinventing themselves to maintain their relevance. From this edition we welcome two current members of the board to new roles within our structure. Dr Rosemary Abbott will be taking on the role of editor of the Reviews section of the journal, and Dr Robin Zeidler will be taking up the role of editor of the Horizons section of the journal. I know they will bring a vitality and knowledge to these new roles that will be beneficial to the journal and I look forward to working closely with them both.

And, as if that was not enough, I am delighted to announce that we have only very recently made live a new publication of SLAV that is, in many ways, a celebration of this journal. To acknowledge the first fifteen years of the journal we asked Dr Robin Zeidler and Dr Rosemary Abbott to compile a highlights compilation of the first fifteen years. They have worked hard to select twenty one articles and these have been published as a ebook entitled: *[Synergy Highlights: The First Fifteen Years](#)*. This ebook is available from [our store on our website](#). We hope you enjoy reading this collection; we are very proud of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Synergy board, the SLAV Committee of Management, and the SLAV Council for their unwavering support during a time of great activity and change for the journal. Those of us completing the tasks appreciate the enthusiasm, trust and input we have received.

I hope *Synergy* enjoys a long and happy life in its new home.

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