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Serving as an Editorial Board Member is certainly a great responsibility. Constituting our first Editorial Board for this journal on *Quality Advancement in Nursing Education (QANE)* was an overwhelming yet exciting endeavor. We have been very privileged to welcome outstanding scholars from the English and French nursing education communities, from a Canadian and an International perspective, including two past Editors-in-Chief of high standard nursing journals.

Amidst this first Editorial Board was Dr. Martin Johnson, Emeritus Professor in Nursing, University of Salford, UK, “who served (2003-2010) as Editor in Chief of the prestigious *Nurse Education Today* journal – which was established in 1981 and world-leading in the field. In this role he led the formation of the NETNEP series of biennial international conferences, starting in Vancouver (2006), continuing in Dublin (2008) and Sydney (2010), and still held—most recently in Barcelona (2022)” (David R. Thompson and Alex Clark).

Having met Martin during these nurse education conferences, we noticed his genuine interest for international collaborations; interest that did not fade throughout the almost 10 years that he was a member of *QANE-AFI* Editorial Board. Martin contributed a considerable amount of experience, knowledge, passion, and support to our open access journal, always willing to discuss issues with respect and humour, review more submissions, suggest reviewers, and wondering what he could do more.

It was with great sadness that late February 2023, we received the news that Martin, who had just stepped down from his position on the Editorial Board for medical reasons, had passed away. A memorial from the University of Salford can be found here: <https://www.salford.ac.uk/news/in-memory-dr-martin-johnson-emeritus-professor-in-nursing> and a tribute from colleagues, pointing out Martin’s expertise in nursing ethics could be found at the completion of this Editorial.

“Martin was widely known and respected for his gentle, passionate, and persuasive encouragement, support and mentorship of colleagues and students in their research endeavours, for identifying and nurturing new talent and for sharing, collaborating with and enabling others to recognise and develop their expertise. Some people, we included, can remember for decades the generous and nurturing encouragement he gifted at key points in others’ careers”. (David R. Thompson and Alex Clark).

Dr Martin Johnson, whose credibility as a researcher, educator, Editor in Chief, mentor, etc., yet accessibility was undeniable, brought an important international perspective to the *QANE/AFI* Editorial Board by participating in the liveliness and growth of the Journal. “*He was a lovely man and great colleague on the Board*” (Sioban Nelson). Martin was definitely “One of a Kind”. He was humble, welcoming, and knowledgeable, and he was excellent to work with always.

It is time to reread his work on nursing and nursing education.

Dr. Jacinthe Pepin, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Florence Myrick, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Apporter une importante perspective internationale au Comité de rédaction : déplorer une grande perte

Servir en tant que membre d'un Comité de rédaction est certainement une grande responsabilité. Constituer notre premier Comité de rédaction pour cette revue *Avancées en formation infirmière (AFI)* a été une démarche à la fois intimidante et stimulante. Nous avons eu le privilège d'accueillir d'extraordinaires scientifiques des communautés francophone et anglophone du domaine de la formation en sciences infirmières, en provenance du Canada et de l'international; parmi eux, deux ex-rédacteurs en chef de revues de haut calibre en sciences infirmières.

Martin Johnson, professeur émérite en sciences infirmières à l'University of Salford, au Royaume-Uni, leader mondial en recherche sur la formation en sciences infirmières a été (2003-2010) « rédacteur en chef de la prestigieuse revue *Nurse Education Today*, lancée en 1981. À ce titre, il a été à l'origine de la création de la série de conférences internationales biennales NETNEP, qui a débuté à Vancouver (2006), s'est poursuivie à Dublin (2008) et à Sydney (2010) et se tient encore aujourd'hui—tout récemment à Barcelone (2022) » (David R. Thompson et Alex Clark, traduction libre).

Ayant rencontré Martin lors de ces conférences sur la formation infirmière, nous avons remarqué son intérêt sincère pour les collaborations internationales, intérêt qui ne s'est pas amenuisé au fil des dix dernières années ou presque, où il a été membre du Comité de rédaction de *QANE-AFI*. Martin a largement partagé ses solides expériences et connaissances, sa passion et son soutien avec notre équipe de la revue scientifique en libre accès. Toujours prêt à discuter des défis avec respect et humour, à évaluer des manuscrits, à suggérer de nouveaux évaluateurs, il nous demandait ce qu'il pourrait faire de plus.

C'est avec une grande tristesse que nous avons appris, fin février 2023, le décès de Martin, qui venait tout juste de laisser le Comité de rédaction pour des raisons médicales. Un hommage publié par l'University of Salford est accessible par ce lien: <https://www.salford.ac.uk/news/in-memory-dr-martin-johnson-emeritus-professor-in-nursing> et un rédigé par des collègues, faisant ressortir l'expertise de Martin en éthique des soins infirmiers, se trouve à la suite de cet éditorial.

« Martin était largement connu et respecté grâce à ses encouragements gentils, passionnés et persuasifs, à son soutien et son mentorat de collègues et d'étudiants dans leurs travaux de recherche. Il était également reconnu pour son habileté à identifier et encourager de nouveaux talents ainsi qu'à partager et collaborer afin que d'autres reconnaissent et développent leur expertises. Certaines personnes, dont nous faisons partie, se souviennent pendant des décennies des encouragements généreux et stimulants qu'il a prodigués à des moments clés de leur carrière » (David R. Thompson et Alex Clark, traduction libre).

D^r Martin Johnson, dont la crédibilité en tant que chercheur, formateur, rédacteur en chef, mentor, etc. était indéniable, a apporté une importante perspective internationale au Comité de rédaction de *QANE/AFI* en participant à la vitalité et à la croissance de la revue. "C'était un homme charmant et un excellent collègue au sein du Comité" (Sioban Nelson). Martin était définitivement "unique en son genre" ; humble, accueillant et compétent, il était toujours très agréable de travailler avec lui.

Il est temps de relire ses travaux sur les soins infirmiers et la formation en sciences infirmières.

D^{re} Jacinthe Pepin, co-rédactrice en chef

D^{re} Florence Myrick, co-rédactrice en chef

A tribute to Martin Johnson RN PhD, Emeritus Professor of Nursing

David R Thompson RN PhD FRCN FAAN, Professor of Nursing, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK, and Alex Clark RN PhD FCAHS President, Athabasca University, Canada.

Martin Johnson was truly a scholar and a mentor to countless people—and he will be much missed by many people.

Martin trained at Manchester Royal Infirmary and qualified as a registered general nurse in 1974 before gaining experience and qualifications in intensive care nursing and mental health nursing. He qualified as a registered nurse tutor and clinical nurse teacher in 1982, after which he embarked on academic studies at the University of Manchester, where he was awarded an MSc in 1983 and a PhD in 1993. He was a student of the late Jean McFarlane (Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff), Professor and Head of the Department of Nursing.

After working in clinical practice at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Martin held academic posts at the universities of Manchester, Huddersfield, and Sheffield Hallam before being appointed Professor and Head of the Department at the University of Central Lancashire (1997-2001). In 2001, he was appointed by the University of Salford School of Nursing and Midwifery as the inaugural Professor in Nursing, where he developed nursing and midwifery research and subsequently created and directed the first nursing and midwifery research centre in 2001 until 2008.

In 2007, Martin was invited to give the Winifred Raphael Memorial Lecture entitled “A short history of nursing ethics”. Martin served as a sub-panel member for RAE2008 and REF2014 UK Higher Education Research. He also served as an elected member of the RCN Research Executive Committee and as a member of the RCN Ethics Committee. He retired in 2016 in his role as Emeritus Professor.

Martin had a long-standing and passionate interest in older people, ethics, and human rights, as well as qualitative research methods. He established and led international educational and research collaborations of staff and students in these areas, presenting invited masterclasses in Canada, Scandinavia, Europe, and Africa. He supervised many doctoral students, including NHS professionals, many of whom have become leaders in nursing.

He published widely and many of his books and articles have been, and continue to be, widely cited. For example, his book *Nursing Power and Social Judgement: An Interpretive Ethnography of a Hospital Ward* (Routledge, 1997) serves as a reminder of the complexity and sophistication of everyday nursing.

As colleagues have attested, Martin was not only an insightful, intelligent scholar and successful academic, but also a trusted friend, a reliable supporter, and a defender of those subject to injustice. His quick wit and sharp sense of humour was as well-known as his kind, gentle manner and his modest appraisal of his own achievements.

One of us (DRT) first became aware of his work in the 1980s and got to know him well a few years later and continued the friendship until shortly before his death. Martin was an extremely kind, generous, gentle, and warm person. He possessed and practised all the attributes of a nurse: supportive, caring, and compassionate. He was also a true scholar, erudite and possessing a sharp and inquisitive mind, unafraid of challenging our thinking. He also had a great sense of humour and wit. However, his primary focus was always his family.

Nursing has lost a nurse with the highest professional values and moral and ethical standards, as well as a true scholar. He was a great ambassador who will be sorely missed.