LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Fall 2021 Issue of the Chronicles of Health Impact Assessment. It seems longer than a year since we last published an issue. This time dealing with the COVID pandemic has been demanding on so many fronts. We have a shorter issue than usual, probably due to all the conflicting demands.

In this issue, we celebrate and reflect on SOPHIA’s first ten years with an article titled “Ten Years of SOPHIA.” SOPHIA’s current and past leadership, founding members and others reflect on the history of HIA and SOPHIA as well as the organization’s most notable accomplishments and challenges. They share thoughts on priorities during the next ten years and the value that SOPHIA membership brings to practitioners and those who are interested in learning more about HIA.

This issue also includes updated work on the Minimum Standards of Practice for Health Impact Assessments from the SOPHIA work group. They also provided an excellent webinar to launch their report. We also include notes from the field about the recent work by our colleagues at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Thank you and keep up your excellent effort to improve the health of your communities.

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