

EDITOR'S PAGE

If you weren't at the Pacific Rim Conference on Disability in Honolulu this past Spring, you should have been! We had our first ever strand on Disability Studies, a new strand on Independent Living, plus a pre-conference session on International Disability Rights, all of which featured speakers from all over the globe. Attendees from colder regions appreciated our excellent weather, but most importantly there was great participation by people with disabilities and many topics that were of interest to us. We had a nice reception for RDS, with much wine, up on the 20th floor (great view) to celebrate ALMOST FIVE YEARS since David Pfeiffer, myself, Steve Brown and Bob Stodden founded RDS. Information about next year's conference will be posted soon, so keep an eye out at www.pacrim.hawaii.edu. Another web site to check out is our new RDS blog at www.rdsinternationaljournal.blogspot.com. We're still feeling our way around how to make this site active, so if you have any ideas, email me at mconway@hawaii.edu, or better yet, post a comment on the site!

You should know that we've updated our forum guidelines and submission guidelines. Go to our website www.rds.hawaii.edu to check out the latest guidelines. Also, you can now subscribe to RDS online using Pay Pal!

This issue of RDS has a wonderful diversity of articles, from an excellent review of Psychology research on women with disabilities, to a report on new medical policy in the Netherlands. We have some exciting forums coming up in future issues of RDS – look for forums on the Unruly Salon, the Pac Rim Disability Studies Strand, Human Security, Inclusive Economic Development, Interdisciplinary Dialogues, and more!

Aloha,

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