

Editorial

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As I write this editorial, the television and internet are full of images of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. Popping up on the screen throughout the sad yet impressive imagery is a small bear — Paddington Bear — presumably referencing the skit of Queen Elizabeth having tea with the iconic teddy bear, which opened her 70th anniversary concert. However, it also transported many people back to childhood and Michael Bond's books, myself included.

I was pleased to see how much we can learn about hospitality from the Paddington Bear stories: his status as a refugee, stowed away on a boat from "darkest Peru"; arriving at a major transport hub, Paddington Station in London, with nowhere to stay; wanting to find a "home" rather than a "house"; the faith in human kindness represented on the label around Paddington's neck reading "Please look after this bear"; and the constant references to a feeling of "otherness" or not quite belonging or understanding. It would be remiss of me not to also acknowledge the fact that Bond's stories are set within a particular, and now contested, cultural, political and colonial landscape, with London being seen as civilised, white and aspirational for people from other parts of the world, and the refugee (or stowaway as he is referred to) being expected to uncritically assimilate and adopt a new identity. There are a number of excellent academic studies on this topic and I would encourage readers to search them out, and perhaps write a paper for this journal on their findings!

This issue of *Research in Hospitality Management* also has a global reach, both in terms of readership and authorship. We welcome contributions from Kenya, South Africa, the USA and India, as well as from The Netherlands. It is always a pleasure to work with new and emerging researchers to support them through the process of getting their first academic journal article published. Congratulations!

We continue to offer students from our own university and others the chance to publish from their final thesis. No relevant topic is off-limits (so far). We are pleased to present papers on culinary cannabis, and whether companion animals are welcome or not in hospitality operations.

Research on COVID-19 continues to come through, but also discussions on social justice, dynamic pricing and branding, hotel customer satisfaction, and the future of hospitality jobs. These are themes that will no doubt also be reflected at the Council for Hospitality Management Education's conference, CHME2023, which the Hotel Management School will host in May 2023. Will you be joining us?

I hope everyone will find something in this issue to make them reflect or inspire them to start writing. We promise a quick but fair and rigorous yet constructive double-blind review.

Now, where did I put my marmalade sandwiches?

