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The Journal of Indigenous Wellness, Te Mauri – Pimatisiwin <https://journalindigenuswellbeing.com/> hosted by Te Rau Matatini is excited to announce that a Healing Our Spirit Worldwide – The Eighth Gathering Special Issue will be released to coincide with the Sydney Gathering November 2018. This issue will include a selection of full papers submitted by Eight Gathering presenters prior to the Gathering. All accepted papers will be eligible for the inaugural **Maggie Hodgson Our Vision Keeper Award**. This new award honours the Vision Keeper the Healing Our Spirits Worldwide movement, recognising the most outstanding paper submitted to the Gathering. The award has a total value of \$1200 (NZD).

The Journal of Indigenous Wellness, Te Mauri – Pimatisiwin is an open-access web-based publication hosted by Te Rau Matatini. The journal's mission is to promote the sharing of multi-disciplinary indigenous knowledge and research experience between professional, academic and community leaders. Articles will be original, informative and scholarly contributions on the broadly defined topic of indigenous wellbeing.

The timing of the award presentation at the Eight Gathering will be decided in collaboration with the Journal Editorial Board, the International Indigenous Council Healing our Spirit Worldwide and the award recipient. **The Journal Board is pleased to invite potential presenters to the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide to submit a paper for The Journal of Indigenous Wellness, Te Mauri – Pimatisiwin Healing Our Spirit The Eighth Gathering Special Issue.**

**Maggie Hodgson** is the Founder and Executive Director of the Nechi Institute on Alcohol and Drug Education, an adult addictions counsellor training and research centre. She has worked in the area of addictions for twenty years, and on suicide prevention, sexual abuse, residential schools, family violence, communications, gambling addictions, Aboriginal inmate aftercare, and mental health. Dr. Hodgson is responsible for the creation of the Angus Campbell Detoxification Centre; the Community Action Society that advocates on behalf of welfare recipients; the 1320 Car Club; the Moose Jaw Friendship Centre; and Moose Jaw Transition House for battered women. She was the driving force behind the National Addictions Awareness Week, which now boasts 700,000 participants annually;

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the First World Addictions Conference in 1992 that drew 3,200 Aboriginal people from around the world. When Ovid Mercredi went to Davis Inlet during the 1993 crisis, he chose Dr Hodgson to accompany him due to her expertise. She sits on many boards and committees including: The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Issues; the Edmonton Social Planning Council; the Canada Drug Strategy; the Minister of Health's Committee on Native Suicide; and Corrections Canada's Substance Abuse Task Force. Dr Hodgson graduated with a Grade 12 education, received an Honourary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Alberta, and has taken numerous courses over the years to become one of the Aboriginal community's leading health care workers, trainers, organizers and advocates. She is married with three children, and lives in Edmonton.

The Journal of Indigenous Wellbeing will also release a Healing Our Spirit Worldwide – The Eighth Gathering Special Issue in early 2019, which includes papers from those who presented at the Gathering and have prepared a subsequent paper.

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