

From the Editor's Desk

Another new year steps in with a question that what have we achieved in the gone year. It is always a positive note at JPMA where we believe on what Helen Keller had quoted, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence". All of us, the team have put in our best and have moved forward. This is proved by the number of submissions rising beyond 1000 and the citation rate at Thompson Reuters being the highest in the country.

Our journal is published ahead of time and also is visible on our website and pubmed immediately on publication. As we are using the software ejManager exclusively for all submissions, it is a convenience for the authors, reviewers and our team members. I acknowledge the help of Dr. Ramsha Zaheer, our young board member, who has taken the responsibility of training our technical staff and looking into the day to day problems of the ejManager system.

We have published four supplements in 2016. These required hard work and timely production. One of these belonged to JPMA called "Diabetes and Pregnancy". The Supplement was produced by the joint efforts of Dr. Sanjay Kalra from India, an international advisor of JPMA and myself. We have produced easy guidelines and a reference document for the subject. The thirty three articles were authored by fiftysix specialists from all SAARC countries. The supplement was launched on 23rd September, 2016 with an excellent state of the art lecture by Dr. Carina Ursing from Karolinska Institute, Stockholm.

Teaching medical writing, ethics and peer reviewing is our moral responsibility, Our dedicated team has conducted seven workshops on the subjects at various institutions. The joint efforts of Drs. Sina Aziz, Syed Mohammad Mubin, Ramsha Zaheer, Masood Shaikh and Ibrahim Hashmi are highly appreciated.

We have the assistance of young medical students lead by the student editor, Samar Ikram, who maintain the data base of the journal and follow the flow of articles. It is work well done. My thanks to all of them.

Another new activity introduced with the help of Dr. Masood Shaikh, our new colleague, is the Initial in-house review of all articles. This has improved the standard and eased the work for the subject reviewers.

It is my pleasure to extend my gratitude to all working for JPMA to keep it regular and punctual. This includes our office staff, printers and our web masters.

My appreciation and thanks to our Peer reviewers, Stats reviewers, technical reviewers and dedicated colleagues coming in every week to help out with the office work.

The help and cooperation of our colleagues at PMA Centre and Karachi Branch along with their office staff is also acknowledged.

For any flaws in the year 2016, I take the responsibility and offer my apologies.

May JPMA rise even higher!



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