

Editorial Says on Malaysian Journal of Sport Science and Recreation (MJSSR)

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Historical Background of the Editorial of MJSSR

Malaysian Journal of Sport Science and Recreation (MJSSR) was grown from the early Dean of Faculty of Sports Science and Recreation (FSR) UiTM, Professor Dr Muhd Kamil Ibrahim and it is a continuous effort and conjoined vision of all other FSR deans since 2001. The first journal's editor-in-chief was Associate Professor Dr Kwame Ampofo-Boateng, who moved from FSR for career advancement. However, MJSSR is apparently considered as the one's issue of Malaysian's setting of Sports Science and Recreation (broadly-defined) journal. It is hoped that this journal would be an avenue for high quality academic research papers aimed in sharing ideas, findings and reflections of academic world in Malaysia or abroad.

Vision of MJSSR

MJSSR is intended to contribute to the Faculty's vision of becoming a world-class leader and centre of excellence for teaching, learning and research for Sport Science, Sport Management and Recreation, in Asia and internationally and as well as accomplishing the mission of putting University Teknologi MARA into the world's map of academic excellence.

FSR views the publication of MJSSR will serve as a catalyst for the development of an excellence academic institution and this will allow for interdisciplinary collaboration and creation of research centres, as well as the establishment of a robust research collaboration plan to respond quickly to the latest research. Furthermore, it is timely to venture and get into Scopus, ISI and/or other well- established world class journals' list.

It is also an appropriate time to offer coherent editorial comments regarding the aim and future direction of MJSSR, and to acknowledge future authors and readers about the current and future development, prospect and objectives of MJSSR.

The Malaysian Journal of Sport Science and Recreation (MJSSR) will fully utilize contributions from all academics in the field of sport science, sport management and recreation throughout the world. We appreciated local and international researchers from local or international for their effort and willingness to contribute papers and also serve a referee for papers accepted in this journal.

Mission and Scope of MJSSR

MJSSR publishes empirical and conceptual papers that are up-to-date articles and reviews on research and progress in sport science, sport management, physical education, and fitness as they are related to theory and practice. Its domain is broad; encompasses areas such, adapted physical education, health and wellness, extension education and sports, exercise participation across the lifespan, biomechanical and physiological aspects of sports and recreation.

MJSSR particularly welcomes innovative or interdisciplinary and cross demographical approaches that incorporate various aspects of sport science, sport management and recreation, and even sport extension.

This means that MJSSR is welcomes a variety of papers which include:

- Analyses of practice in either sport science, sport management and recreation or cross sectional in multidiscipline paper, which could be supported by theory and/or sound data;
- Reports of empirical studies containing new quantitative and/or qualitative data, which address significant theoretical and/or applied research concerns likely to further our understanding of sports science, management and recreation;
- Quantitative reviews of existing research aimed at developing new insights into a field or research and/ or practice;
- Papers that focus on new theories and conceptualisations;
- Critical reviews of literature; and
- Prescriptive articles advocating changes in research paradigms, methodology, or insights into a field of research and/or practice.

As far as basic research could answer the fundamental questions about the nature of the influence of sport science, sport management and recreation on sport behaviour and performance. Applied research is concern with looking into solution for practical problem. It is clear that both basic and applied research approaches are important in furthering our knowledge and understanding of sport science, sport management and recreation.

As globalisation climate with borderless research topic as the futuristic focus of MJSSR, it encourages authors to offer part of their papers, how their work could benefit academics or practitioner working in applied or real- life setting in various body of knowledge. It is desirable that practical implication of papers are aimed not only at fellow academics, but also to anyone whose work can potentially be informed and enriched by theory and practice in sport science, sport management and recreation.

On top of this, MJSSR with the idea towards collaboration by cross sectional journals' continentally with various academics body and/or individuals that are interested to be part of the MJSSR in contributing to the multidiscipline fields of expertise, as prior movement the Faculty of Sport Science and Recreation UiTM was established as one of the research centres branch of Pan-Asian Society of Sports and Physical Education (PASSPE) as far as the South East Asia chapter was concerned.

The MJSSR editor-in-chief always believes that “Create your future from your future, not your past” – by Werner Erhard. And Success is a matter of understanding and religiously practicing specific, simple habits that always lead to success, which is cited from Robert J. Ringer.

Collaboration of MSSR

Relative to most journals in sport science and recreation that are devoted to enter sport science or sport management and/or recreation, MJSSR in broadening its objective to include sport extension which intended to increase and create a large readership including academics and practitioners in multidiscipline field. It is hoped that each issue of MJSSR, will include articles that would be interests to sport science, sport management, recreation and sport extension from experts and enthusiasts. It is also our aim to create and venture into e-journal readership for MJSSR, as well as readership that will include those frequently consult journals, such as International Journal of Sport Psychology, Journal of Applied Sport Psychology, Journal of Applied Research in Coaching and Athletics, Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise Science, Malaysian Journal of Nutrition, Journal of Sport Behaviour, Journal of Sport Sciences, Perception and Motor Skills, International Journal of Eastern Sports and Physical Education and Pan-Asian Journal of Sports and Physical Education.

The Editorial Process of MJSSR

The Editorial Board and two anonymous referees will assess all submitted manuscripts in terms of their scientific merit, readability, and interest to a general readership, to decide their inclusion in the journal. Initially, the manuscripts would be reviewed by the Editorial Board to assess its academics merit. Those considered to be without academic merit would be returned to the author(s). Manuscripts deemed appropriate to have academic merit will be submitted to two anonymous referees considered to have expertise in the area relating to the contents of the manuscripts for review.

The referees will not be made aware of the identity of the author(s). All information about authorship including personal acknowledgement and institutional affiliations should, therefore, be confined to a removable front page (and the text should be free of all clues that might reveal the identity of the author(s)). As far as publication is concerned, the duration of time in replying acceptance would fully depend on the jurisdiction of the Editorial Board.

Conclusion

On behalf of the MJSSR editorial team, I express my sincere gratitude to you for reading the editorial of this well explicable issue. We hope it offers clarification as well as direction of MJSSR's policies, expectations and aspirations. We look forward to your continued readership of MJSSR and to receiving submissions from you in due course for consideration for publication.

As far as academic journal's publication concerned, the submission of paper(s) to MJSSR for every issue is always open to all academicians and researchers or whoever interested all over the world and all the time.

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