Editorial

Moving toward being internationally scooped

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During the past four decades, the Iranian ministry of health, in charge of education in the fields of medical sciences, has initiated a national program to flourish medical sciences education across each province of Iran. The latter purposes were overcoming specialized health-giver shortcomings, providing higher health standards to all Iranian population, establishing health equitability through all national territories, and prompting Iranian scientific contribution at national and international scales. This national developing program put the accent on the research and mandated the creation of at least one medical journal proper for each university of medical sciences. The latter encouraged young scientific committee members, mostly unfamiliar with international publishing, to actively take part in designing, conducting, and reporting experimental and clinical trials in the Persian language. The latter governmental amendment out ranged the fixed official goals. Not only the number of submitted manuscripts out passed the publication capacity, but the latter created inter-university cooperation and constructive concurrence. To be receptive to researchers' efforts, Iran medical universities should diversify their affiliated medical journals into several ones. Getting more and more experienced and parallel to the ongoing Iranian publications in overseas journals, the second incentive amendment has encouraged medical universities to take steps to join the international scientific body by publishing in English, following the required instructions to gain international indexing, and pave the way for direct international scientific cooperation between national and overseas researchers.

Being among the youngest instituted Iranian medical universities (among 61 Iranian Medical Sciences Universities), the *Journal of Shahrekord University of Medical Sciences* (JSKUMS) officially published its first issue in the spring of 1999 under the name the "*Journal of Shahrekord University of Medical Sciences*", encompassing all the medical sciences specialties. Constant, progressive, and tremendous efforts by the editorial board and team were made to reach technical how-know and editorial maturity levels so as to meet ministerial requirements to obtain the license to be published in English. JSKUMS was published in 20 volumes (102 issues) in Persian (http://journal.skums.ac.ir/browse.php?&slct_pg_id=17&sid=1&slc_lang=en) and has already been published in English in 4 volumes comprising 18 issues (http://j.skums.ac.ir/Archive).

Having foreseen the necessary platform, JSKUMS welcomes the submission of scientific manuscripts in all fields of medical sciences, as well as spontaneous candidatures of overseas researchers to its editorial scientific board and reviewers. The editorial board of JSKUMS and the team expect to plainly fulfill its mission in the ongoing future; by the way, JSKUMS avails the opportunity to express its gratitude to each of the researchers who, by their valuable contribution, have watered JSKUMS flourishing.

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