Editorial

From the Editor-in-Chief

His Excellency Professor Dr. Ghazi Obaid Madani the President of King Abdulaziz University, based on the recommendation of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, honoured me but also put on my shoulders a big responsibility, by appointing me as Editor-in-Chief of JKAU-Medical Sciences together with my dear colleagues members of the Editorial Board.

JKAU-Medical Sciences is the window where the health of our scientific contribution as educationalists and professionals, its virtues and defects are displayed. Maintaining the health and wealth of this journal is not only the responsibility of the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board; it is also the responsibility of all the members of the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences and our colleagues in the medical and health communities in the Kingdom. If we want to have a highly reputed competitive journal, it is our moral obligation to nourish this journal with our continuous scientific contribution and support.

Moreover, on behalf of the new Editorial Board it is my utmost pleasure indeed to inform our readers that JKAU-Medical Sciences is now back on track. It was unfortunate that the issues of this journal were interrupted due to circumstances beyond the control of the current Editorial Board. It is my great pleasure to inform my colleagues and our readers that this journal will be appearing again at regular times - hoping to produce at least 2-3 issues per year to start with. However, the production of such issues will not be possible without your continuous, positive help and scientific contributions to the contents of JKAU-Medical Sciences. The journal's major objectives, which remain the unchanged, are to serve as an authoritative scientific medical journal and hopefully as a local reference source, for medical and allied health professionals in a broad sense. The Editorial Board also hopes that the published work in this journal will contribute to highlight and focus on local health issues and research activities and will contribute to the advancement of health care and the medical educational processes in the Kingdom and other parts of the world. As educationalists and medical professionals, the task is so challenging and by the will of 'Allah' we will continue to try to meet the challenges and the massive changes in the medical knowledge and to keep up the base with what is going around us in terms of acquisition of knowledge, skills and experience.

I would like to inform our reader that this volume will cover the past three years during which the JKAU-Medical Sciences did not appear, so we bring the new volumes up to date.

In the first Editorial, I just want to convey my sincere thanks to all those who have given me their confidence which I will do my utmost with the help of my colleagues members of the Editorial Board to honour it. And last but not least we would like to thank on behalf of every member of the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences my predecessor Professor Dr. Hassan Fatani (the outgoing Editor-in-Chief) and the previous members of the Editorial Board for their effort and hard work during their term on the Editorial Board of this journal. Finally, I am open to consider all constructive suggestions that would promote and improve the standard of our journal.

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