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PJR After A Decade: journey is continue.....

“Only those who attempt the absurd can achieve the impossible.” - Albert Einstein

The year 2015 reminds me about the completion of 1st decade of your PJR’s journey. The voyage of PJR was started in 2006 when Pakistan Society of Radiology (RSP) decided to launch it as its official publication. In first two years of infancy it was use to release in print form only. The primary mission and vision behind PJR was to foster the research culture which was in a rudimentary state among our radiologists, oncologist and nuclear medicine physicians and provide a platform to share their researches with their medical fraternity. As expected at the time of inception, the response in terms of scholastic contribution was dismal but over the time a progressive or crescendo pattern has been observed. Despite of financial constraints faced by RSP, it decided to put no publication charges to the authors to prove it's serious towards mission which is an uncommon practice across the world. In 2008, PJR stepped into online issues to provide accessibility to radiology, oncology and nuclear medicine fraternities across the globe. This indeed had apposite impact and PJR started receiving manuscripts from neighboring countries. In 2010, PJR was recognized by Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) and this indeed uplifted the stature of the journal and enticing for authors as well as publishing a manuscript in the PJR would have a positive impact on their professional growth.

Due to scarcity of good quality manuscripts and serious financial constraints faced by RSP, we were unable to produce issues in due times and situation kept perplexing in a progressive fashion like in 2014 we had a time lag of 03 years. In September 2014, PJR’s editorial board was revamped with an intention to address the multiple issues in a multidirectional approach. I and my editorial team are extremely thankful to Dr. Nadeem Ahmad and Professor Zafar Sajjad for their immense support.

“If you can’t do great things, do small things in a great way.” - Napoleon Hill

To address the issue of time lag, we decided to release PJR issues on a monthly basis and this was not an easy task. But I am thankful to my valued reviewers who worked in a coherent way tirelessly to accomplish this difficult task. By grace of Almighty, in July 2014, we have achieved it and now we will be issuing the 04 issues of 2015 before December this year (Insha Allah). In last 01 year, PJR has been awarded International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and have allocated a new office space in the Department of Radiology, JPMC and for this I am extremely grateful to Professor Tariq Mehmood. As per basic requirements from indexing bodies, we did revamp out cover page by adding required details like ISSN (for print and online), URL, official address of PJR, etc. In the same time we have also applied to get indexed in various bodies. First achievement was indexing in International Scientific Indexing (http://isindexing.com/isi/journaldetails.php?id=1730) and the impact factor for 2013-14 is 1.736 which is based on International Citation Report (ICR). This was a great achievement indeed and on the basis of citation report till July 2015, I am optimistic a much higher impact factor for 2014-2015. In February 2015, PJR has crossed another milestone by getting indexed in World Health Organization (WHO) Index Medicus Eastern Mediterranean Region (IMEMR). Based on PJR’s performance, it was also index in Eurasia and recently we have also been indexed in EBSCO which is a USA based academic research databases that are used in libraries worldwide.
At this stage PJR is in receipt of an increasing number of manuscripts every month and we sincerely trying to further reduce the time between review process and publication of approved manuscripts. In this regard, we have decided to increase the content of each issue to accommodate more scholastic activities of valued authors. PJR has also taken a step forward to publish the abstracts of Annual RSP Conferences held in 2013 and 2014 and this will become a norm in future too. Publication of conference abstracts indeed provide a credibility to the presenters as this could be cited in their resume as well.

On behalf of PJR’s editorial board I am deeply indebted to all my valued authors, reviewers, readers and managing editor Dr Mukhtiar Memon for their scholastic support and tireless hard work and devotion which has made possible for PJR to score these achievements in this short span.

“There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.”
- Ronald Reagan

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