

## Editorial

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I am pleased to note that publication of the 4 issues of the 33rd volume of the Kuwait Medical Journal in 2001 is now complete. I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the Regional as well as International Advisory Board for their help in garnering papers, prompt reviewing and lending prestige to the Journal. We are continuing to do well but we need to do better.

A running history of the recent five years in terms of papers received as well as published is provided in the attached figure. One thing apparent from this figure is that we have not compromised on the rigour of our review process. In spite of the reduction in the numbers of the papers received, our non-acceptance rate has increased from 23% to 36%. The other noteworthy fact is that the number of papers submitted has been fluctuating and we would like to see it in a steadily growing path. In this regard, we invite all our readers throughout the world to submit their research for publication in the Journal. We promise a fast review and turnaround time.

You may have already noticed that we also encourage a dialogue among researchers through the forum of "Letters to the Editor". For a comprehensive service to our readership, we also have sections on forthcoming conferences and meetings, abstracts of selected papers published elsewhere, symposia highlights, book reviews, Insight etc. Thus we are trying several new initiatives to make this journal a good source of scientific information for improved patient management and continuing medical education.

In order to encourage a high quality of submissions, we have already introduced one award for the best paper in any category, published in the Kuwait Medical Journal in the preceding year. We are also planning to add two more awards, one for the best basic research and the other for the best case report published in the Journal. Therefore, in the year 2003, there will be a

total of three awards based on the publications made in the Kuwait Medical Journal in the year 2002. For more timely publication of the accepted papers, we are also planning to increase the number of issues from four to six per volume, beginning with the year 2003. Thus we are very upbeat about the journal playing a lead role for the medical community in the region as well as elsewhere. In this mission, we seek submission of your best research to our journal.

In the end, I would also like to express my thanks to Professor Pawan Singal for his continuous encouragement and input. Advice from the Editorial Board as well as help of the secretarial staff in the office is highly appreciated.

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