

EDITORIAL

New Product of Ibnosina Medical Association: IJMBS

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It is my pleasure to introduce a new product for Ibnosina Medical Association. It is the Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (IJMBS). The Association is committed to increasing medical knowledge worldwide. This is, of course, accomplished to the best of our knowledge and means.

Having been one of 12 founders of a previous medical journal, I acknowledge that such projects are the end result of the collaboration of several individuals. It is true for this project as well. As with any other big venture, good planning, teamwork, and perseverance are necessary ingredients. In this endeavor, the co-founders of the journal (the co-founders of Libyan Journal of Medicine)¹ have learned from the previous efforts and have added transparency and an emphasis on intellectual property. We always felt it was important to credit people for their efforts and to acknowledge the boundaries of intellectual property. All precautions have been taken to avoid any single individual misstep. Our eyes are on progress, education of the younger generation, and future growth.

The founders of this journal are acutely aware of the talent and contributions of Ibnosina from 1000 years ago. For that reason, they named this journal in his honor. Overall, we felt that his biography reflected the global perspective of today's

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physician and the evolution of medical knowledge. Our reach is worldwide, and the journal should be accessible to all medical professionals, regardless of their physical location. The editorial board is eager to receive medical research from developing countries that will be presented in well-written manuscripts to the international medical community. It is our hope that access to our journal will increase collaboration among researchers from both developing and established countries.

The journal is an open access, peer-reviewed, online publication with a wide range of interest. It is the result of collaboration by several international scholars willing to devote time and energy to organization, editing and expanding research. It is clear to those who have practiced in the West that research contributions should be encouraged from developing countries. It will be an ongoing effort to accomplish this noble goal. Our plan is to offer an extensive and constructive review of submitted manuscripts. We differ from other available journals since we have a mentoring board. This board is comprised of scholars who volunteer to work with authors to enhance the submitted manuscripts to the level of publication. The use of a mentoring board concept originated with the understanding of high taste level of medical research in the west and understanding of the obstacles faced by fellow researchers in developing

countries. We hope to help such groups with their research project design to enhance the quality of final research outcomes.

Emphasis on medical and research ethics as well as intellectual property is within the scope of the journal mission. At this point, plans are for the journal to remain online only, open access, peer-reviewed, with no publication fees. The international assembly of the editorial board remains consistent with the global picture of research today as well as the biography of Professor Ibnosina for whom the journal was named. The journal team members' primary goal is to offer a solid, highly ethical and well-run product. We use both senior and junior reviewers and feel it is our duty to recruit and train future reviewers. This concept has generated positive feedback from colleagues. Currently, response from our readers and supporters has been encouraging and we anticipate a high quality journal is on the way.