

Under renovation: A new platform for the IeJSME

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Users of the IeJSME website will have noticed a change in the page for the submission of articles for authors submitting manuscripts. We have a new service provider. For the last few years we used a journal management system called OpusSoft. We have moved to another publishing platform called the Open Journal System (OJS) which was first released in 2002 by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP) of the University of British Columbia. It is an open source and members can contribute to develop tools in furthering their aim of democratizing knowledge and making knowledge more global and equitable. Furthermore, it can be available for free although one can pay for services in areas if help is required. Over the years the OJS has evolved to be a very versatile and complete journal management system and we are thankful that we can benefit from the efforts of many. The key driving philosophy is that knowledge is shared and the IeJSME is in line with that aim by being an open access journal. In addition to that, the IeJSME does not charge authors, neither for submission and review nor for publication in contrast to most other journals.

We hope that users will find the process of submission friendly, since it is similar to many other journals. The template we use follows that of other journals within the PKP umbrella. For new users we hope the guide for author will be clear enough. For technical support, the journal will be contactable by email at the address you will find on the journal website. The editorial team would like to say you are welcome to communicate with us directly.

I would like to invite all in the academic fraternity, either within the International Medical University (IMU) or outside, to look at the submissions page at our website

and click on the button to register as a user. You will be asked if you would be willing to be a reviewer and name the area of interest you have. May I also remind authors submitting manuscripts that besides the manuscript you have to upload a cover letter, a copyright transfer form and a form to declare any conflict of interest. These forms are available at the guideline for authors and are standard for most journals.

There are more things new. The appearance of the IeJSME webpage has or will also undergo some change. We have created side bars, to make access to past issues more visible on landing. This side bar is on the left and you can go to a past issue of the journal more easily. We realise that one common reason somebody logs in to our journal may be to see whether a particular article has been published so we aim to make our articles readily seen.

There is also a new section we will be setting up among the types of articles you can submit. It is entitled Medical Images. If you read the notes in that section under Guidelines to authors, it will become clear what is required. A picture, they say, is worth or paints a thousand words. I am sure you know of other journals that have images like this. The diagnosis of a medical condition is sometimes all said in a picture. I guess dermatology is the classic example of this. However, there can be more than pathological lesions in patients. Medical images can also come from pathological or research laboratories or public health. They can even come from the classroom. We hope this all add fun and life to our journal.

We regret the glitches any of you may have experienced in the last few months, including a time in the transition when the submission of articles was not available.

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