

A More Efficient Way to Publish: JPMPH Goes Electronic

It has been just over a year since assuming position as editor of the Journal of Preventive Medicine and Public Health (JPMPH). Time flies when you are having fun! It has been an exciting, as well as, challenging task managing an increasing number of submissions through timely peer reviews, resolving different opinions and reaching a final decision, and publishing and disseminating quality research. All of these activities were conducted without much difficulty due to the help and support of the editorial board members, expert reviewers, and our professional staff.

Most of all, I would like to thank the contributors who submitted manuscripts to JPMPH in the past year. As mentioned in last year's editorial (January 31, 2010), to further facilitate the review process and immediate release of accepted articles, we have been preparing an online medium for the journal. I am happy to announce the publication of an e-Journal starting this year. A new homepage (<http://jpmph.org>) is now officially open. As an Open Access journal, readers can retrieve the current issue, as well as, archives of all articles through this site. Also, future contributors and reviewers will be asked to use our new e-submission system (<http://submit.jpmph.org>). We hope these will serve as effective channels in providing you with ready access to journal contents and easy submission of manuscripts. Please feel free to make use of them, and give us feedbacks on ways to improve the electronic system to better suit your needs.

Some other changes to the journal are worth mentioning. In order to better target international audience, beginning this year, the journal is

accepting only manuscripts written in English. We have updated our guidelines for authors, continuing to place priority to original research articles, but have also installed a section on Systematic Reviews that will present appraisal of accumulating evidence on an important public health topic. A section on Public Health Debates will serve as a forum to address controversial issues and present divergent viewpoints. Over the years JPMPH has published on a wide ranging topic covering major issues in public health and preventive medicine. JPMPH will continue to expand its scope to include important research findings across diverse disciplines and fields from different parts of the world.

We, scientists, communicate with one another by translating our ideas into papers that, hopefully, get published in peer-reviewed journals. I expect the electronic publishing of JPMPH will serve as an effective tool for rapid exchange of scientific information among researchers. It is, further, hoped that this information will eventually translate into knowledge useful for practitioners, policymakers, and the public.

Please join me in celebrating the launch of the e-JPMPH.

Bon Voyage!

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