

EDITORIAL

This glorious premier institution "a Living Legend" of medical education - the KEMC is the second oldest of its kind in the whole of subcontinent. It has been producing medical graduates of very high standard and not only became a primary source of medical teachers and specialists for other institutions of Lahore, but also for all major medical institutions of the country. Its ALUMNI not only stop at the boundaries of Pakistan but are heading the various departments of basic and clinical sciences in some institutions of India, Bangladesh and of course it is well known that the graduates of this great institution are holding the highest positions both at institutional i.e. academic and private sectors in USA, Canada U.K. and Australia. In other words they are definitely benefitting the welfare of mankind both in their health care and in the diffusion of knowledge. They are therefore comparable with their own graduates. It would not be out of place to say that the KEMCOLEANS have proven even superior to graduates of many universities of most developed countries. From time to time these Alumni visit their alma mater and a small percentage of them decides to settle here and serve their own institution. Such are the fortunate ones who got the taste of an advanced training abroad as well as being on the faculty of their own great alma mater - KEMC, Lahore.

After these opening sentences it is important to highlight "Annals of King Edward Medical College". This was a long awaited desire of the Alumni of this institution at home and abroad that an institution like KEMC must have an official publication of its own. It was because this institution has given so much to its graduates who would like to pay it back in the form of reflecting their research work and letting it be diffused among its graduates and the students of KEMC; and the medical profession at large.

The idea was conceived by Prof. N.A. Seyal, an ex-principal of this college and happens to be a graduate of KEMC. It was subsequently discussed many a times at various occasions both in and outside the academic council of this college, but I must give credit to Prof. Naseer Mahmood Akhtar, the present Principal of King Edward Medical College that he did not waste any time to make a decision and approved an editorial board for this periodical, named "the Annals of King Edward Medical College". At the same time he set a target for the publication of inaugural issue at the occasion of 20th KEMC Annual symposium 95. The time was short and the background work was colossal but it was with the effort of the editorial board which had a free hand from Prof. Naseer Mahmood Akhtar that the first ever issue of this Annals is in your hands. This is your periodical and needs your patronage not in the form of finances alone but also by publishing your research work which you may like to convey through the Annals. This will not only strengthen this publication but would also reflect your research work, no matter on what subject of medical sciences.

As the Alumni of King Edward Medical College, have diffused throughout the world, it will not be easy to ensure the distribution of this periodical to all its graduates. However, whoever receives it, may inform his friends who in turn may communicate their addresses to the editor of the Annals of KEMC. By doing so we shall be able to make this periodical available to, if not all, a large number of our Alumni, at home and abroad.

In the end I pray and hope that the "Annals of KEMC" flourishes during the years to come - Amin.

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