EDITORIAL

TRANSFORMATION OF ANNALS OF KEMC INTO ANNALS KEMU

The declarations of "The Annals of King Edward Medical College" (KEMC) vide No PCPB/15178 dated 17-10-1997 was obtained by Prof. Naseer Mehmood Akhtar the Principal of the KEMC. Prof. A. Majeed Chaudhry was appointed the first editor and with his hard work the regularity of publication and quality of this scientific journal was maintained and the Annals of KEMC was soon approved by Pakistan Medical and Dental Council and was indexed in WHO Index Medicus.

The King Edward Medical College (KEMC) was elevated to King Edward Medical University (KEMU) in January 2006. Prof. A. Majeed Chaudhry was promoted to the post of the Principal Fatima Jinnah Medical College and post of editor fell vacant.

It gives me great pleasure to thank Prof. Mumtaz Hassan (S.I) the Vice Chancellor of King Edward Medical University for giving me the assignment of the editor of the Annals in May, 2007. It was deemed necessary to:

- 1. Change the title of Annals of KEMC to Annals of KEMU.
- 2. Appoint new editorial board.
- 3. Develop new editorial policy.
- 4. Develop documents tracking system.
- 5. Develop peer review system.
- 6. Align the Annals of KEMU with the new guide lines of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (2003) and recommendation of "International Committee of Medical Journal Editors" (2007).

It gives me extreme satisfaction to inform the readers that all stated above have been achieved; and this issue of Annals of King Edward Medical University has been based upon the recommendation of the new editorial policy.

I take this opportunity to thank the managing editors, assistant editors, corresponding editors and the reviewers of the Annals of KEMU for their hard work and cooperation in this regard. I also thank Mr. Muhammad Hafeez and Mr. Muhammad Asim of PVC office for providing the secretarial support, without their assistance this job would have been less smooth.

It is hoped that the quality of Annals of KEMU will continue to improve in the days to come and this scientific periodical will achieved respectable scientific impact factor in near future.

Mine is a wonderful job since it concerns KEMU's long term future, the work is extremely important and interesting. I feel tremendously privileged to lead an editorial board full of colleagues who believes passionately in what they are doing.

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