

From Editor's Desk

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Editorial Board of APALM and the entire publication team of Pacific Group of e-Journals, we wish all the Authors, Readers and Reviewers of our journals a very happy, harmonious and prosperous New Year.

It's our immense pleasure to introduce before you the first issue of the second volume of **Annals of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine** (APALM; Jan-March 2015).

It is a matter of pride that in such a short span of time, APALM has been successfully indexed with renowned databases, such as Google Scholar, Directory of Research Journal Indexing (DRJI), Indian Science, IIFS, Cite Factor, Journal Index, Scholarsteer, Research Bible, Scientific indexing services, etc. and it is also in process of being indexed in various other popular databases.

We are also happy to share the news that APALM has been issued print ISSN (pISSN: 2394-6466). We are also planning to bring out the print version of APALM along with the regular online version. Interested authors, readers and reviewers may contact us through e-mail on editor.apalm@pacificejournals.com to request for the print edition of this issue, which is available at a nominal cost.

Submissions to APALM are continuously on rise, with more than 165 manuscripts submitted to APALM in last nine months, since its inception. APALM continues to expand its horizons in terms of publishing high quality blind peer-reviewed papers, which has attracted the attention of a large global audience of authors, academicians and scholars. This is reflected in the increasing number of submissions and the geographical diversity of authors, who have submitted their manuscripts to APALM. We reassure all our stakeholders that we are committed to enhancing the quality of the work that we publish.

From this platform, we would like to drive home a point regarding adherence to the 'Authors' Guidelines'. It has been observed that many authors are not following the Author's Guidelines, leading to multiple rounds of revisions and delay in review and publication process. We request all the authors to carefully read and strictly follow

the guidelines of the journal while preparing and submitting the manuscript to cut short the time taken to publish the accepted articles.

It is also seen that the authors start corresponding regarding the acceptance of their articles shortly after the submission of the articles. The decision regarding acceptance or rejection of an article is a considered decision, which involves multiple opinions of editors and reviewers, and thus takes some time. Therefore we request the authors to wait for the communication from the editorial board regarding the acceptance or rejection of their articles. Alternately, they can also see the latest status of their submitted article online by login to APALM website using their User ID and Password.

Further, it is also observed that some authors, whose articles are accepted for publication in APALM and who are intimation in this regard, start enquiring about the date when their article will be published. In this regard, we would like to inform them that the frequency of publication of APALM is quarterly. The authors will be presented with the edited articles for proofreading only a fortnight before the date of publication of the article. The authors are advised to wait till then and communicate with us only if they are not presented with the edited manuscript by that time.

With a large number of manuscripts submitted to APALM, we cordially invite the experts in field of pathology, microbiology, biochemistry, blood banking and laboratory medicine as reviewers for APALM. This will help us in critically reviewing the articles submitted by the authors in a short span of time. The experts, who wish to be a part of APALM as a reviewer, can email to the Editor with all necessary information.

Since APALM is a journal with wide scope of subjects related to pathology, microbiology, biochemistry and other laboratory medicine, we also take this opportunity to welcome all researchers and professionals to submit their valuable research work for publication in APALM, which will be freely accessible to the professionals across the globe.

We take this opportunity to thank our publisher, **Pacific Group of e-Journals (PaGe)** for giving us this great and very challenging task of bringing out the APALM Journal on a regular basis. We also salute our editors and reviewers, who are doing such a wonderful job without any financial consideration. We would also like to thank all the authors for their contribution and support to APALM.

In this issue, we have tried to include the articles of all hues, which include original articles, case reports and letter-to-editor etc., related to the diverse fields of pathology, microbiology, biochemistry and laboratory medicine.

We hope to take APALM to new heights in collaboration with our contributors. As always, we welcome your input.

Thank you.

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