

EDITORIAL

THE LEBANESE MEDICAL JOURNAL 2007 : MISSION, PROSPECTS AND HOPE

At the beginning of a new year which for the Lebanese Medical Journal (LMJ) means a new volume, it is the aim of the editor to provide a summary of the present status of the Journal, namely to report on the quality of scientific content of the previous years volume and problems in running the Journal.

As in previous years, the LMJ has published several in-depth reviews, original articles describing research performed in Lebanon, and case reports. The Journal continued to receive excellent manuscripts in various fields of medicine, though mainly from Lebanon.

However, the major problem remains the review process. Although the editorial board is making every effort in shortening it as much as possible, it remains unfortunately prolonged, the major reason being the assessment process taken by the reviewers.

What are the prospects for 2007 ? The plan is to continue our efforts in improving this publication. However, the civil strife in the country is interfering tremendously with our attempts. The number of submitted manuscripts has recently been dwindling. I hope that all of us in the medical community will pledge to uphold the standards of the LMJ. This is the only way to demonstrate to the international medical community that we, Lebanese, remain committed to the path of success and deserve their respects.

Despite the heavy clouds created by unrest, I am pleased to report that, as of March 1, 2007, LMJ will formally have its own website. I will soon communicate to all our colleagues further details.

To conclude, I am grateful to you, readers, authors, editorial board members, reviewers for your continued support of the LMJ and for your contributions, looking forward to increasing efforts in this respect. I would also like to thank Jacqueline Chahine for her excellent secretarial services and Michèle Valligny for her expertise without which it would have been impossible to have an excellent printed magazine.

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