

Farewell words

ECMA would like to thank with gratitude the sincere efforts of **Prof. Dr. Mohsen Gadallah** for being the former chief editor for EJCM Egyptian Journal of Community Medicine wishing him best of luck and happiness.

Welcome words

ECMA would like to welcome the new editor in chief **Prof. Dr. Abd Elhady Elgilany** and thank him for accepting the post. ECMA would like to wish him a prosperous future and best wishes.

A message from the new editor of the Egyptian Journal of Community Medicine

Dear authors, reviewers and readers of the Egyptian Journal of Community Medicine. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of the journal for which I have acted as Editor.

Firstly thanks are due to my predecessor Professor Mohsen Gadalla who led the journal for a long duration and has invested significant efforts to advance it. Under his leadership, the journal has seen a consistent increase in the number of views, articles downloaded, submissions, and publications.

I am grateful to my professor Olfat Farag head of the Egyptian Association of Community Medicine for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this flourishing journal.

I am truly honored to have been selected as the new Editor of the Journal. I am also very proud to be working with an outstanding team of the Editorial Board. I consider this position not only an exciting opportunity to steer the course of the journal, but also part of my duty and responsibility to serve the scientific community.

The journal is now open access online to provide access to wider audience with common interest on community medicine issues and challenges. The goal is to publish high quality peer-reviewed scientific papers and serve as a forum for diverse viewpoints on major issues and policies of community medicine. As the editor of this Journal, I would strongly encourage authors to present their thoughts and novel research in order to push for new and innovative ideas in solving current challenges.

Our continuous pursuit of quality reviews requires the effort of the entire editorial team, as well as the invaluable support of the reviewers. I hope that you will participate in the success of the journal, as an author, reviewer, or editor. Please, contact me with suggestions and ideas that may further improve the quality and visibility of the journal.

In this new era of the journal there will be a number of measures intended to be taken. First, along with the editorial team, I hope to promote the journal among national and international researchers. Second, improve the online submission and peer review process. Thirdly, recruit more international reviewers and improve the review process. Fourthly, create a space in the journal for students' research with partial waiver. Fifthly, ensure high-quality and unbiased peer review conducted in a timely manner. Sixthly, include the journal in the famous indexing organization e.g. Scopus. Finally, instructions to authors and reviewers will be revised and updated.

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