## **EDITORIAL**

## WORDS FROM THE CURRENT EDITOR OF MJMS

Jafri Malin Abdullah

Chief Editor,
Malaysian Journal Of Medical Sciences,
USM Publisher, Universiti Sains Malaysia,11800, Minden, Penang, Malaysia

## **CURRENT EDITOR MJMS 2008**

The Malaysian Journal of Medical Sciences (MJMS) was recently accepted into Scopus during its 15th birthday. Since taking over the helmship of MJMS early this year, we have made MJMS an online journal, publishing 4 issues per year. Early fast track publications for issues already accepted for publication, have started. Our peer reviewers are currently national and international (where Malaysian specialist and scientists overseas have agreed to be on the editorial board). Manuscripts from outside Malaysia are increasing up to a rate of 20 percent since 2007. Our rejection rate has also increased to 20 percent as our intention is to finally to be accepted by ISI and Medline thus we hope the quality of our papers can be maintained. Gone are the days when MJMS was the journal to sent manuscripts to when they were rejected by other peer-reviewed journals!

I have included the ideas and thoughts of the First Founding Dean of the School of Medical Sciences, University Sains Malaysia as well as the four previous editors of whom without their previous editorialship and support, the MJMS "ship" might have been another Titanic. Their thoughts are included in this multi-editorial write-up celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday of MJMS, "liken as a bright teenager who will take another 5 years to turn into a wise, intelligent and humble adolescent".

With this, I salute all the previous editors and their team's hard work, (one whom has passed away and is unable to write his thoughts in this issue). We hope that MJMS will continue to flourish in the future.

Best wishes:

Professor Jafri Malin Abdullah