

## *Current status and future prospects of the SJPH*

The Sudanese Journal of Public Health (SJPH) introduced in early 2006, is meant to be a platform for research publication and exchange of knowledge and experience in the broad field of public health. The journal has, since then, represented a venue for Sudanese health professionals and scientists to publish and communicate their work in the spirit of knowledge and practice promotion and personal development. The journal is receiving increasing submissions from authors inside the country cutting a cross, but not limited to health and medical disciplines. This fact is, in essence, an evident support for the all encompassing nature of the field of public health with its extensions into a wide range of disciplines and subject matters.

Another important dimension is the rising interest from authors beyond Sudan to publish their work in the SJPH. Over the last period the journal has been receiving submissions from a wide range of countries involving the region, African continent and submissions from some few Asian and European countries. For us, in the SJPH board and team, this represents an opportunity as well as a challenge. Being relieved by this wide range of authorship and readership brought about by the open access website, we will be even more determined to keep the initiative up and work towards continuous improvement of the journal. Our connection with regional, continental and global networks in medical journalism is a great factor for sustainability and quality improvement. The journal has so far been invited to present in regional and international forums in medical journalism and science publishing and is

getting on with access to important indexing services.

SJPH is now heading for preparation and inception of its own publishing and sustainability strategy with special focus on responding to authors and readers expectations and getting access to international indexing services with the intention of serving local and global public health for the sake of humanity.

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