

The e-MJM

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The MJM has just crossed another milestone in our journey through this information technology age. With the support of our parent body, the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), the full text website of the MJM, is now available at the address <http://www.e-mjm.org/>. Access is free and not restricted to MMA members only, as we believe, like many other medical journals, this is best for the future. The website was launched by our president David Quek, at the 50th Annual General Meeting of the MMA in Malacca on the 29th of May 2010. He has been very keen to see this happen. Although the e-mjm website stands on its own it is of course linked to the MMA website, which is at <http://www.mma.org.my/>. Having MJM articles on-line is not entirely new. Abstracts of our articles have been made available at our MMA website under a button to click for publications for several years. However, the full papers were not available there. Free open access is now our policy.

Currently, only the first issue of volume 65, which is March 2010, is available. However, this is a work in progress. Soon, the most recent ten years of archives will be added to the site. The funding for the project has been approved and the work is going on. The website has all the articles in an optical character recognized (OCR) Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (pdf) format. In the future we plan to add all our archives going as far back as we can. We have a heritage going back more than 60 years. Not many journals can boast such a long history. Transferring all our past issues into an electronic archive will make them available in the future for ever. The cost for this endeavour is fairly

substantial and the best way to obtain financial support needs to be worked on. Achieving this will allow researchers to look back at what was known and written about medicine in Malaysia in the past and make history available to all.

The e-mjm website has an Ajax search engine attached. This search engine is dedicated to search the MJM only and not any other web sites. It is available at a click at the search MJM button on the right. However, metadata from MJM articles, such as title, authors and key words, are added to enable major search engines such as Google, Yahoo and MSN to find our articles. A link to Pubmed is also available at the MJM website for convenience of users to do a wider search at a click.

Earlier this year we announced that we have moved to on-line manuscript submissions for articles¹. The link to enable authors to make such submissions is also present. A click there takes you to the editorial manager website. Along side this, at another click, is the notice to contributors as to what type of articles are suitable for submission to the MJM.

The website is comprehensive and simple to use and we hope meets expectations. Nevertheless we welcome feedback that may help us develop this further.

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