The foundation of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan was laid in 1962. The objective of the Founding Fellows of the College was not only to serve the humanity providing specialists, but also to promote and develop research culture amongst their Fellows and Members by disseminating the available latest medical research, new technology and improved methods of treatment.

In order to develop professional skills in medical researchers, dissertation writing was included in the curriculum and was made a mandatory partial fulfillment for undertaking its Fellowship examination. The College regularly conducts the research methodology, biostatistics and dissertation writing workshops so that its Fellows may gain the required skill of writing and disseminating medical research and update their colleagues with the latest research which would be particularly adapted to the local epidemiology primarily and geographical pathology of the region to suit loco-regional needs and practices.

To this end, the College of Physicians and Surgeons launched a quarterly research journal, the Journal of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (JCPSP) in October 1991. It provided Pakistani researchers a platform to publish their research work on a diversified and general medical field. It became bimonthly periodical in 1995 and finally a monthly periodical in 1999. During the preceding years, the Journal concentrated on improving its peer review system, in-house style and editorial processing and maintaining the regularity of publication. These efforts paid off and the Journal started reaching a wider spectrum of readership throughout the country and abroad. In 2002, it was included in Index Medicus/MEDLINE (NLM-USA), thus joining the ranks of a very few bio-medical journals from Pakistan to attain international indexation. As a regular and standard peer review biomedical research journal, JCPSP is among the leading contemporary biomedical journals from Pakistan. It is indexed by many leading international medical indexing agencies as catalogued in the preceding pages.

Adhering to the guidelines of International Committee of Medical Journals Editors (ICMJE) and matching with the CPSP philosophy and culture of high standard in postgraduate medical education and research, Journal kept its infinite journey and in the year 2009 it was included in Journal Citation Report (JCR) released by Thomson Reuters gaining an Impact Factor. JCPSP thus became the first biomedical monthly from Pakistan to attain the coveted distinction now achieving a 5-year Impact Factor. JCPSP is also included in the highest “W” category list of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC).

JCPSP is receiving an increasing number of research articles from within the country and abroad, from USA, UK, China, Turkey, Iran, India and Saudi Arabia. The Journal’s website was launched in March 2011. It recorded over 1.1 million hits in 2013, translating to an average of more than three thousand hits per day.

The Editorial Board of the Journal has been making constant efforts to improve its standing and its surge for improved and meaningful changes has continued. The January 2014 issue of JCPSP has new title page with improved getup. The number of research articles has also been increased with the accommodation of only few reports of truly rare cases in an issue. It has also been decided to publish special supplements of case reports in the year 2014 to accommodate a large number of case reports lining up and waiting for publication. However, the Journal would be entertaining few case reports from now on, with focus on real uniqueness. It is hoped that the contributors would concentrate more towards submitting original research and review articles as well as cochrane-style meta analysis.

The Editorial Team of the Journal and IT department is vigorously working for an entire on-line operation of the journal, to facilitate article tracking by the concerned author.

I hope the readers of JCPSP would like its new title and other improvisations.

Wishing our readers a happy New Year and happy reading.