Online Journal Management; a Necessity

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We would like to share information regarding an online platform named eJManager. We are living in an era in which rapid progress in the field of information technology has led to the accomplishment of tasks that would have been previously deemed impossible by humans. Storing, retrieving, sharing and managing a large amount of information within a matter of seconds and minutes has become as easy as falling off a log. eJManager is itself an example of this advancement.

eJManager is an online journal management, indexing and publishing system that can enable all operations of the editorial functions of a journal[1]. As surprising as it may seem, it allows online submission of original and revised articles, reviewing of the articles and even their editing via an editorial board. By offering these three major services (and many others), eJManager has helped save time of the editorial and publishing staff and scholarly societies and institutes leading them to concentrate on other important tasks at hand.

The software itself was launched in 2002 and began to share its system with other journals in 2010. Also, in the same year, the systems publishing company launched a service called ScopeMed (Directory for Medical Articles) which allows the readers to view open access articles[2]. In 2011, fifty journals started to use eJManager's services, and in 2013, it launched an affordable online professional hosting service for scientific journals. At present, two-hundred and sixty-one scientific and scholarly journals from different corners of the world are registered on the software[3].

Keeping in view the three main aforementioned services that are served by the software, both the processes of online submission and reviewing of articles comprise of a user-friendly interface. The PDF conversion is handled automatically and the authors can check the quality of images during submission. Also, there is an increased submission turnaround speed as all processes are conducted online. The online reviewing process includes the ability to change review options and review articles. The reviewers can see previously reviewed articles and can also receive a report about them. A multi-language option for both the authors and reviewers is available too.

The online editorial board contains numerous features. To mention all of them is beyond the scope of this note. Some of them include plagiarism check (via Cross Check and iThenticate), admission of unlimited editors for additional work, enhanced pre-publishing tools, automatic production of table of contents, author index, subject index, full control of the manuscripts at every step, ability to submit unlimited revisions and reminder messages for articles waiting for revision as well as reviewing[3].

There are many benefits of this online journal management system. It can be accessed easily from any computer using the internet. It not only provides necessary online tools for article submis-

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sion and publishing but also provides services like article composing, article hosting and reference checking thereby reducing administration time and costs. As it is an online system and all the data is available in one place, hence, the record-keeping and efficiency of the editorial process is improved manifold.

Institutes in Pakistan that have been using eJManager for their journals include Rawalpindi Medical College, Hamdard University and Journal of Pakistan Medical Association. The Annals of Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and Karachi Medical and Dental College has now also been registered on eJManager and will be availing all of its facilities.

The journal itself, the management staff, the authors, the reviewers and the editors are all expected to benefit from this recent development.

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