

Editorial

***SJDEM* will be the platform for excellence in endocrinology**

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The Endocrine Society of Sri Lanka was established in 1979 by a group of enthusiastic and dedicated medical professionals, thus encouraging the establishment of professional societies for the subspecialties of clinical medicine. Since then, the society has grown appreciably with a current membership of nearly 200; encompassing endocrinologists and clinicians with special interest in endocrinology practicing in Sri Lanka.

Our society is indeed proud to launch the first issue of its official journal, *Sri Lanka Journal of Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (SJDEM)* to provide the first fully open access journal dedicated to the field in Sri Lanka. This is a long awaited necessity for clinical endocrinologists, other clinicians who have a special interest in the field and for the postgraduate trainees to share their clinical experience and research.

SJDEM was launched with the incredible support of the editorial board and sponsors as the leading journal in diabetes and endocrinology in Sri Lanka. My sincere wish is for *SJDEM* to rapidly evolve with the help of our readers and colleagues.

I take this opportunity to thank all our authors for choosing *SJDEM* as a platform for presenting their work to the medical fraternity in Sri Lanka.

Excellence, accessibility, expansion, and evolution will be the tenets which will guide *SJDEM*. To achieve excellence, we will make a special effort to be highly selective in the reports we accept. Our goal is to disseminate novel ideas and views, be they in basic science, translational or clinical investigation. To achieve excellence in publication standards, we will rely on our outstanding Editorial Board of leading experts, who will ensure maintaining high standards.

Accessibility will be achieved through making *SJDEM* available as a biannual publication with no cost. The editorial board expects to expand *SJDEM* to link with international reviewers and societies around the globe. Hence, the *SJDEM* will be the platform for local and international experts in endocrinology to report and disseminate important aspects that require to be addressed in our day to day practice.

It is truly an honour and privilege to be the Editor in this first ever publication of the *SJDEM* and publish your work and represent our Society. As such, our Editorial Board will continue to strive to make *SJDEM* your journal, for your individual studies and for the sustenance of our specialty.

May we grow from strength to strength!

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