Esteemed EC Members

I hereby submit the report of the Editor of Journal of Indian Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health. I received the handover from Prof Vivek Agrawal on 15th November, 2017. In the calendar year 2018 we received 90 manuscripts. In the year 2019 we received 145 manuscripts (acceptance rate in 2019 ~ 20%). In the year 2020 we received 299 manuscripts (acceptance rate in 2020 ~ 15%). This year by now we have received 249 manuscripts (acceptance rate in 2021 ~ 18%).

JIACAM is indexed with Embase, Scopus, and UGC Care. Presently mean time from submission to first peer review comments is 1 month, and mean time from submission to acceptance is around 3 months.

On 12th October, 2021 we had online EC meeting and Editor’s report was circulated and discussed. EC encouraged us to move on publishing platform for better visibility and dissemination of JIACAM articles. EC members appreciated the sincere efforts of Editorial team, especially Dr Jitender Aneja for nice coordination and proactive approach with SAGE publishers for JIACAM publication.

Dr Jitendra Aneja (Associate Editor, JIACAM & Associate Professor, Psychiatry, AIIMS Bathinda) is constantly interacting with SAGE publishing company for publishing and printing JIACAM with external support of IPCA Pharmaceuticals. The following are the updates for publication of JIACAM by SAGE Publisher (as shared by Dr Jitender Aneja):

- As suggested by the committee members, Dr. Naresh and Dr. Jitender have further discussed the last minute contentious points for the publication.
- One of the point was regarding the billing of invoice by SAGE. It was suggested that the invoice will be generated in name of Society rather than IPCA and it was endorsed by the committee members of JIACAM too. In this regard, IPCA has sought more time to seek the permission from their higher officials. However, Mr. Mehrotra, MD at IPCA has ensured that it will be done according to the wish of IACAM.
- SAGE wanted a walk around of the existing website of JIACAM and it was done on 13th December, 2021.
- SAGE was supposed to provide the legal document for signing by the concerned parties. However, it was delayed on part of SAGE and they have reported that it will be delivered by this week.
- We have asked them to prepare for the next issue (January, 2022 issue), but without the contract in place, SAGE will not start the process. Also, they plan to initiate the process of making the website and the submission platform first and it is informed that it will be done in this month once the contract is signed.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Respected Savita Malhotra Ma’am (Life President, IACAM), Vivek Agarwal Sir (Former Editor), Esteemed EC members (President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Council members), Editorial team (Dr Beena Johnson, Dr Jitender Aneja, Dr Suravi Patra, Dr Navratan Suthar, Dr Pooja Patnaik Kuppili, Dr Tanu Gupta, Dr Swati Choudhary, Dr Kartik Singhai) who immensely helped and constantly supported for JIACAM from the year 2018 to 2021, Advisory board, Editorial board and Reviewers for the constant support and guidance.

I am going to complete my tenure as Editor and with your guidance and support, our young and dynamic colleagues are already working very hard to take the JIACAM at greater heights.

Thank you so very much

Long Live IACAM

Jai Hind

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