

Editorial

This is the second and last issue of the Nigerian Journal of Medical Rehabilitation for the year 2013. Some landmark achievements were recorded this year. Specifically, the journal website was reactivated, copies of all articles published in Volume 14 (2009) and Volume 15 (2010) were made available electronically (online), the Author Guidelines was revised for clarity, and the online versions of accepted articles for the first issue in 2013 (Volume 16 [1]) were published in a standardized uniform format. However, only moderate progress was made in the aspect of strict adherence to Author Guidelines, particularly, manuscript preparation and correctly uploading manuscripts via the online submission system. As a matter of fact, many manuscripts submitted for the second issue in 2013 were rejected at the editorial level (without review) because of poor compliance with the Author Guidelines. Authors are urged to pay close attention to the guidelines or follow the formatting style of articles published in this issue or the first issue in 2013. Another area in which we recorded moderate progress was getting medical rehabilitation professionals, who have the knowledge and expertise to provide quality review of submitted manuscripts, to register their desire to become potential reviewers. This is highly important in order to provide timely and rigorous review of submitted manuscripts to authors and provide the appropriate feedback needed to significantly improve the quality of the submitted manuscripts.

I was honored and privileged to be invited by the President of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy, Mr. Taiwo Oyewumi, to present the 1st Thompson Oshin Abayomi Elite Lecture at the just concluded and well-attended 53rd Annual Scientific Conference and General Meeting of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy (NSP), tagged Sunshine 2013, in Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria. The Elite Lecture Series was inspired by the vision of Dr. Thompson Oshin Abayomi,

one of the co-founders of NSP, that Nigerian physiotherapists “*should be alert to modern trends, techniques, and resource materials.*” In a dynamic and ever-changing world with several health challenges, there is the increasing need for physiotherapists all over the world and in Nigeria to become independent practitioners who embrace evidence-based practice. Speaking to a crowd of approximately 200 clinical and academic physiotherapists from all over Nigeria, I seized the opportunity to reiterate the importance of well-conducted research in the bid to stay in touch with current best practices in different clinical settings. The Nigerian Journal of Medical Rehabilitation welcomes the submission of the methodology and results of such well-conducted research for possible publication in the journal. The Nigerian Journal of Medical Rehabilitation publishes original research articles, review articles, case reports, and short communications of outstanding research findings in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, audiology, prosthetics and orthotics, physical medicine, and rehabilitation. The Editorial Board of the journal is working hard to ensure that submitted manuscripts are reviewed and that accepted manuscripts are published in a timely manner.

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