Editorial

Dear Ones, Greetings!

The 4th consecutive issue of PJLIS is in your hands. Again, I had thought of no editorial but some concerns and developments needed to be brought to your attention.

Firstly, the year 2008 was the year of loosing Prof. Dr. Anis Khurshid and then Prof. Dr. S. Jalal Haider. They passed away after playing very energetic and exemplary innings in their own ways. Their contribution in Pakistani librarianship was like shining sunlight. There are golden memories associated with the PJLIS regarding both of them. With heavy heart, the name of Prof. Jalal Haider has been dropped from the List of Editorial Advisory Board. May God reward both of them in the world they are now, Aamen!

Secondly, getting enough quality research papers from Pakistan and abroad is a big issue. After double-blind reviewing process, I have been left with 4 papers for this issue. Strenuous efforts were made to motivate different Pakistani researchers/ writers to write for the journal, but due to various reasons it ended up with fewer than desired number of publishable articles for this issue. My humble observation is that extensive training has to be provided to writers to enable them produce quality publishable papers. It is hoped that the situation will get better in future as the awareness is rising in the community in this regard.

Thirdly, this is the last issue under my editorship. Just after taking charge as Chairperson of the Dept., I have requested Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood to be the next chief-editor of the Journal, which he has kindly accepted. Surely, the baby has grown-up and will get strength and maturity under his control. I must say it was a collective effort and will remain so. I am grateful for his trust and cooperation in running the PJLIS business smoothly. All, the

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authors, referees, Editorial Advisory Board members, have been throughout very cooperative.

I feel personally obliged to the 'Guest Editors' who turned my dream into reality by giving their very precious time for writing valued pieces---and without reminders!

Fourthly, the approval process for HEC recognition is in the final stage. All the prerequisites and procedures have been completed. We are just waiting for the intimation letter. It has been indexed in other international services like IBZ & IBR also. So, dear writers, national and international, come along with quality work and make possible publishing it twice a year.

All the best to all those related to PJLIS in any role: from authors to readers!

Kanwal Ameen 30th May, 2009