

Editorial

Dear Readers!

It is a matter of great pleasure to share with you that this issue introduces a new trend---*Guest Editorial!* It may be of interest to mention the origin of this practice. When I took charge as the Chief Editor of PJLIS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood urged me to write an editorial for the journal, but I was indecisive. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. S. J. Haider also enquired about the absence of the editorial in the last issue. It made me think about this missing element in the PJLIS, and an exciting idea just popped up in my mind -- why not to invite guest editorials starting with requesting the members of the 'Editorial Advisory Board'.

I shared this idea with Prof. Haider as he is always concerned regarding any progress at the Dept. He suggested that Prof. Gary Gorman may be requested to write the first editorial. Coincidentally, I had the same name in my mind and hence, he was requested. Very kindly, his prompt and positive response was received. Prof. Gorman submitted his precious, enlightening editorial, "Peer Reviewing in Pakistan", well on time despite his busy schedule. He has mentioned the reasons for associating himself with PJLIS in his editorial.

The emerging scholarship scenario in Pakistan demands producing quality research publications. In this regard the Higher Education Commission has devised certain yardsticks to meet international quality standards for publishing in research journals. However, due to lack of research training and infrastructure, it is not easy in a developing country like Pakistan to follow current quality research trends prevalent in the developed countries. It is our pride that despite all odds the PJLIS has emerged as a quality research organ internationally.

It is worth sharing that adopting peer-reviewing model-getting evaluation reports about papers and conveying anonymous comments to authors-is a new and somewhat sensitive practice in our culture. But the cooperation of authors and reviewers has been tremendous in getting things done

accordingly. I am really thankful to the authors for considering PJJIS for publication of their worthy papers, accommodating reviewers' comments and patiently waiting for the Journal. At the same time our reviewers deserve special gratitude for giving their precious time for free and meeting tight deadlines. And, thank you Prof. Gorman for honoring my request!

I would like to add that Prof. Gorman is a renowned and prolific author and editor of quality research journals. He is very well known in LIS circles; however, following is just a very brief overview of his professional contributions:

Professor G. E. Gorman, FCLIP FRSA AALIA, is Professor of Information Management in the School of Information Management at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. His special interest is in information services development and infrastructures in Asian countries, and also the education of information professionals in Asia. He is actively engaged in a number of research endeavors related to professional education, information services, and information networks (including consortia). Prof. Gorman is also interested in a range of topics related to the management and use of information in organizations, and to information quality as exhibited in scholarly publishing in any format. He has authored many books and research papers. He is Editor of *Online Information Review* (Emerald) and Associate Editor, Reviews Editor and Board Member of 10 other journals. He is also active in IFLA as a corresponding member of RSCAO, committee member of CLM and the Information Literacy Section.

Hope you enjoy reading 'Guest Editorial' and a variety of papers on different subjects.

Comments, critique, suggestions, professional news, books for review, book reviews and letters are welcome to be considered for the next issue.

My Very Best Regards!

Dr. Kanwal Ameen