Editorial II

THE COLLEGE JOURNAL IS ONLINE

Our journal, Sri Lankan Journal of Anaesthesiology is now on the Sri Lankan Journals Online (SLJOL) which is a website for scholarly journals published in Sri Lanka. The web site is hosted by the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) which is based in Oxford and its work focuses on communication, knowledge and networks, with particular emphasis on the needs of developing and emerging countries.

Sri Lankan journals are among Bangladesh, Nepal, Philippines and Vietnam journals in the region which are hosted by INASP. Currently there are 13 Sri Lankan Journals, both medical and non medical on the web site.

SLJOL was launched in 2008 and we joined it in late 2008, and currently our journals of June 2008 and January 2009 are online. It uses the Open Journals System and allows the participating journals to control their own area within the website and thereby load, edit and update their own journal information.

The SLJOL provides

- a. international visibility for our journal and the other Sri Lankan journals
- b. international exposure for Sri Lankan research
- c. increased submissions to journals
- d. easier record keeping and processing and
- e. links to related information

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To us editors and the College as the publisher SLJOL allows loading and managing the content of the journal efficiently with all communications between authors, reviewers and the journal editors facilitated through the web site. It also hosts abstracts free of charge and provide the opportunity to load full text on line. The journal will have a consistent growth in its exposure. The authors and researchers are provided with online instructions, contact information and also free E mail alerts.

I would advise all our members, readers and authors to register with the SLJOL on www.sljol.info. This would enable us to take the journal to greater standards and readership.

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