

## **Editorial**

Changes are an inevitable part of life, and this issue sees a change, as Amila Tennakoon retires from her post as Senior Information Officer of the National Science Library and Resource Centre and the Journal Manager of Sri Lanka Journals Online (SLJOL) since 2013. The first issue of the Sri Lankan Journal of Infectious Diseases (SLJID) was published in 2011 with the invaluable assistance of Sioux Cumming at INASP. When the SLJOL site management was transferred to NSF, Amila took over as Journal manager and what a journey it has been. A big thank you Amila from the Editorial Board and Editors of SLJID - for your continuous help in enabling us to publish our issues on time and being available to respond promptly and very helpfully to our numerous queries along the way.


SLJID too has tried to keep pace with changes in the publishing world. Some positive changes have been that we are now included in the DOAJ since 2018 and are a member of COPE since 2021. From 2022, we publish accepted manuscripts online immediately after copy-editing, reducing the time interval between submission and publication. The abstracts presented at the annual academic and scientific sessions of the Sri Lankan Society of Microbiology (SSM), the publisher of SLJID, have been published since 2021. The online availability of these abstracts through open access helps disseminate research interests of scientists from the global south and opens doors for recognition and collaboration.

The Journal content of SLJID varies widely. Improving diagnostic capability allows accurate diagnosis as shown by the case reports published in this issue. This is always the essential first step in early diagnosis, institution of appropriate therapy and recognition of gaps which need to be addressed for both prevention and management of infectious diseases.

We hope that you will continue to find the contents of this issue useful and thought provoking. Do let us have your feedback as well as contributions for publication in forthcoming issues. Please visit the journal's submission and peer review website at <http://www.sljol.info/>. We would also invite you to register as a Reviewer, as the availability of a wide pool of subject specialists for this purpose would assist us in our task of continuously improving the quality of the Journal.

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