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*Message by the Chairman Shaikh Zayed Medical Complex*

*Editor in Chief of Proceedings*

*Prof. Farid Ahmed Khan*



*Bismillah Hir Rehman Nir Raheem.*

*In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent and the most Merciful*

*I write for the new issue of Proceedings with great joy as the new editorial team, so recently established, has achieved much over a short period.*

*This year of 2018 is of great academic significance to the academic authors of Shaikh Zayed Medical Complex. This is the year when we are formally moving towards registration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan as well as acquiring International Indexing status for our journal. These are great steps and will only serve to further solidify the standing of Shaikh Zayed Medical Complex as the premier academic medical institute of Pakistan.*

*Achieving high standards is hard. Maintaining them is harder.*

*We must strive towards perpetual excellence and for that I stand by the entire editorial team in our unified goal to make Proceedings the premier scientific publication of Pakistan.*

## *Message by the Editor of Proceedings*

*Prof. Saadia Shahzad Alam*



*Bismillah Hir Rehman Nir Raheem.*

*As we publish our first Proceedings under my stewardship I must say it has been an exhilarating experience.*

*We had a long and arduous list of challenges to meet which we had set in our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of Proceedings.*

*It began with acquiring the first Office for Proceedings and the infrastructure vital for the future growth of Proceedings. Since then we have maintained a relentless pace. A vibrant, accomplished multidisciplinary Editorial Board has been formed which ensures manuscript quality using HEC approved software and exacting peer review followed by editorial checking.*

*Peer review is now a multilayered process which plays an imperative role in elevating Proceedings to international standards. It requires a manuscript to be cleared by internal, local external and finally foreign reviewers which form our Peer Review Board and are renowned experts in their fields.*

*You will be pleased to know that in a short space of two months we have embarked on the path to indexation with International sites like Medline in January 2018 where our application is due for consideration in their June 2018 meeting. HEC accreditation is our next target. With the publication of the January to June 2018 Edition of Proceedings we have completed the criteria for HEC eligibility as well and shall initiate the procedure soon.*

*We have a lot more to achieve InshaAllah and in this regard it is now time for our researchers, both undergraduate and postgraduate, to set rigorous standards for their research and writing of projects. I request all supervisors and senior faculty members to facilitate this process by providing timely and accurate critique by sparing some valuable time, so we can entertain these manuscripts in Proceedings.*

*Reaching a quarterly publication target is a priority. Further research publications are also achievable by adding unique CPC data presented by the clinical departments at SZMC. A plan to publish this significant amount of research work in the form of Research Work Supplements is in the offing.*

*Our future goals are creating R&D Department at SZMC in collaboration with The National Health Research Complex (NHRC), developing a new Proceedings website of international standards and building linkages with top journals and researchers both in the country and abroad.*

*Our Motto “We Venture Forth”*

*Thank You.*

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