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Editorial

The JARE and Open Access: What to Expect in 2019

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The Journal of Advocacy, Research and Education's (JARE) since 2014 has kept to its primary goal of promoting the Open Access movement without boundaries. As a multidisciplinary journal, our scope of authors and papers has kept growing over the years. With our highest number of authors from Ghana and Ukraine, the rest come from Germany, Zimbabwe, India, Indonesia, China (PRC), Nigeria, United Arab Emirates, Russia, Romania, United States of America, Serbia, Tanzania, Ukraine, Philippines and Japan (Sarfo, 2018).

As we approach the year 2019, the JARE is aiming at promoting the Open Access movement among developing countries. According to Nwagwu et al. (2009), people living in developing countries, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa are always limited when it comes scientific information. As such, the goal of having an unlimited access to share and access research results in such regions without a fee, should be the focus of all. The Editorial Team of the JARE have come to appreciate the beneficial role Open Access journals play in global development. Before the inception of e-library Open Access Movement, the quality and quantity of scientific information were quite restricted. This era even gave room to poor detection of plagiarism (Ocholla et al., 2016). As an advantage, Open Access articles often obtain favourable number of citations than non-Open Access articles because of their lack of access restrictions (Antelman, 2004; Harnad et al., 2004; Norris et al., 2008). Thus, promoting information access for development. Undeniably, once scientific information is able to reach people without limits, the global focus of achieving sustainable development goals through research will be met (Clark et al., 2003; Griggs et al., 2013). It is against these merits that KAD International, Ghana initiated the publication of the JARE (Sarfo, 2018), and will continue to be our agenda for 2019.

In the year 2019, the JARE is expected to provide opportunities for young researchers and post-graduate students to share their scientific results. We foresee a year where by our journal will be an outlet for many universities and conference organisers, especially in developing countries to share scientific information. Also, we hope to keep to the promise of granting full fee waiver to all our authors and offer green Open Access outlet to all readers without subscription fees in the year 2019.

In conclusion, we pat on the back all who have contributed to the growth of the JARE. These include our funding agencies (the Academic Publishing House Researcher, Slovakia and International Network Center for Fundamental and Applied Research, USA), JARE Team of editorial staff and board, researchers and readers all over the world.

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