

OUR AIPM: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Inaugural Speech delivered by Dr. K. Adigun (Incoming Editor-in-Chief) on 12th December, 2008 to mark the commissioning of the AIPM office complex by Prof. A.O. Ilesanmi, Chief Medical Director.

Good afternoon, Our Chief Medical Director, Chairman Medical Advisory Committee, Our Premier E-I-C, Our Editorial Consultant in absentia, other members of the advisory board, board alumni here present, The President, Association of Resident Doctors (ARD) and all other executives here present, noble members of the Editorial Board of Annals of Ibadan Postgraduate Medicine (AIPM), other doctors here present, ladies and gentlemen.

It gives me pleasure and a whole sense of deep humility in welcoming you all to this august occasion of commissioning of the office of the AIPM.

This occasion is a milestone in the life of our dear Journal as a product and of the Board as a people. It will not be out of place therefore in trying to get down the memory lane depicting the genesis of the edifice we are commissioning today.

THE DREAM

The conception of the AIPM was primarily borne out of the concern that most resident doctors in the country did not attach adequate importance to research and publications during their training as residents. This observation provokes the desire in 1999 to create a medium that will arouse this publication consciousness and allow for dissemination of scientific findings and information. The aim of which is to groom resident doctors in the act of scientific writings and publications.

The burden that evolved then fell in our premier EIC who had to spear head not only the conception but the birth and the continuous nurturing of this idea – AIPM Journal. He has never faltered on this noble cause and for this we are celebrating him today.

THE REALITY

It is the saying of the elders that “The wisdom of sustaining a home is far more than that to build it”. It is to the glory of God that the dream of AIPM in 1999 become a reality in 2003 with the publication of the first edition then (Vol.1, No.1, November 2003). This was actually launched on the 12th of December 2003, (exactly 5yrs ago). The template that produce this journal was made up of erudite member of like minds including Dr. W. Balogun, Dr. M. Kuti, Dr. A.

Dada, Dr. O.A. Ayinde, Dr C. Eyo, Dr U. O. Eze, Dr O. Omisanjo, Dr O. E. Amoran and Dr I. Oluwayemi. Professor S Kadiri has been and is still our Editorial Consultant.

Articles presented are of national importance and academic relevance. Since this first edition, the Board has not looked back and always strive to meet her biannual publication schedule.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the inception of the Board and the Journal, we’ve maintain a consistency in publication schedule. This has not only promote our publishers (ARD) image alone but that of our Noble Premier Institution - the University College Hospital, Ibadan as an entity.

Within the period of existence, we’ve been able to:

- get indexed on African Journal Online
- indexed on African Indexed Medicus
- organized in-house seminar for Board members on the art of scientific writings and publications in May 2007.
- Develop and operate our own website: www.aipm.org.ng linked to our indexed portals. This has increased our visibility as well as our authorship
- Secure our Operation office, which we are commissioning today
- Securing intercom facilities recently.

No tree can make a forest, our humble achievements can never be complete without mentioning the role which our Management and publishers has performed towards making the Board and Journal a reality out of a dream.

THE CHALLENGES

The challenges of a scientific publication could be numerous – article contribution for publications, reviewers busy schedules, correspondences etc. However, due to quality of our journal, I’m happy to say that we are now receiving article from India and Europe.

The major constraints to the Board this year is mainly finance from our publisher which really held us back in meeting our statutory objectives, its our hope that the incoming executive will overcome this problem. We are hereby soliciting for the management support in this direction.

PROSPECT/PROJECTION

The newly included Board came to office in August this year and with the aforementioned challenges with renew vigour strategize to overcome this by:

- strengthening the financial base through subscription/Advertisement by medical reps.
- Using ARD/NARD meetings for distribution base to increase marketing
- Aiming towards Pubmed indexing
- Updating and Upgrading of our website

OUR REQUEST

As a body, we hereby solicit from the UCH management:

- good connection with UCH internet facilities
- financial support towards the publication of our overdue editions
- meeting and surpassing these projection in record time.

The commissioning we are doing today is an eloquent testimony to the goodwill we as a body is enjoying from the management. Thank you all sir, for all these support, may the Lord continue to bless you.