

**EDITORIAL**

# Changing of the Guard

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Change has come to the PIDSP Journal with the transition of leadership to the new editors-in-chief, and I am privileged to share this role with Dr. Paul Sherwin O. Tarnate. We commend Dr. Arlene Dy-Co and Dr. Carmina Delos Reyes, who have led the Journal since 2016. Over the past decade, they have elevated the PIDSP Journal through significant efforts: maintaining high-quality, timely publications twice a year; creating an online platform for article submission; embarking on the long, arduous journey toward Scopus indexing; and solidifying the PIDSP Journal's presence in the field of pediatric infectious diseases. We are likewise grateful for the support of the pillars of the Journal, Dr. Cecilia Maramba-Lazarte and Dr. Lulu C. Bravo, giants on whose shoulders we now stand as we seek to advance the Journal further.

The PIDSP Journal is entering a period of rapid advances in the publication landscape. The Journal has made significant strides in developing E-REVIEWS (Enhancing Research Dissemination Through the Development of an Efficient Web-based Journal Management System), an online platform that streamlines the Journal's workflow for manuscript submissions, peer review, and editorial processes. The E-REVIEWS platform will be launched on the PIDSP website very soon.

The journey toward Scopus indexing has long been a dream for the PIDSP Journal, and we have begun taking the first steps toward achieving it. We hope to see this milestone realized to broaden the Journal's reach and increase the visibility of our locally published research within the global scientific community.

Artificial intelligence (AI) has undeniably infiltrated the field of scholarly publishing. While we acknowledge that AI holds promise for improving publication quality and editorial efficiency, we also recognize that it poses risks to research integrity and accountability if safeguards are not in place. Hence, we are drafting a policy on the responsible use of AI in journal processes. This policy applies to authors, peer reviewers, and editors, and governs the entire editorial workflow, from manuscript preparation through peer review and editing. We are also creating AI disclosure forms to promote full accountability and transparency. Authors are required to review the policy and comply with it when preparing to submit their manuscripts for publication.

As the PIDSP Journal evolves and adapts to rapidly changing times, it remains committed to providing Filipino clinicians with relevant and timely local data essential to the recognition, diagnosis, management, and prevention of pediatric infectious diseases. The new leadership commits to being vigilant, staunch stewards of scientific rigor, research integrity, and publication ethics as it begins a new chapter for the PIDSP Journal.