

SoMHIL and OJPAS™: “like a rolling stone”

Abstract

The Society of Mental Health in LAMIC (SoMHIL) and Academia Dysphrenia come together to run the Open Journal of Psychiatry & Allied Sciences (OJPAS™). The Editor-in-Chief is going to change from the upcoming issue.

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In the July-December 2016, Volume 7 Issue 2 of the Open Journal of Psychiatry & Allied Sciences (OJPAS™), Roy Abraham Kallivayalil and his colleagues discussed mental health legislation issues in relation to the Lower And Middle Income Countries (LAMIC).[1] On a broader perspective, focusing on mental health as a whole or for that matter behavioural science in this region is what the Society for Mental Health in LAMIC (SoMHIL) aims to work for. SoMHIL is a subcommittee of the Environment, Culture, Health Orientation (E.C.H.O.) that has been registered under the Societies Registration Act. XXI of 1860 at the Office of the Registrar of Firms & Societies, Assam, India in Guwahati on 19 October 2004 with No. RS/KAM/240/U/190 of 2004-2005.[2] SoMHIL has come forward to join hands with Academia Dysphrenia[3] in running OJPAS™ so that the journal becomes a platform for the above mentioned endeavour for promoting behavioural science in LAMIC.

OJPAS™ is continued to be published by the Academy Publisher.[4] But, there is a change in the guard as far as the Editor-in-Chief is concerned. With the dawn of the New Year 2017, Executive Editor Uddip Talukdar will take over the charge as the new Editor-in-Chief. This change is in order to bring a nouveau OJPAS™ with innovative ideas and some lateral thinking as this is what the journal has always strived for.

This seven years have been a roller coaster ride. And if we include the earlier version of “7+5=13”,[5] the journey is 11 years old albeit with brief interruptions. It has been unique in the sense that we jumped into it by not knowing everything beforehand, on the other hand we learnt on the way once it all started; in a lighter vein, ‘baptism by fire’.[6]

“When you ain’t got nothing, you got nothing to lose/ You’re invisible now, you’ve got no secrets to conceal... To be on your own, with no direction home/Like a complete unknown, like a rolling stone”- Bob Dylan.[7] As Dylan

said, we had the right to ‘shout out’ “New ideas come from fresh minds before they are bogged down by conventional thinking” when we were ‘unknown’.[8]

But with recognition comes responsibility. In this case the recognition came in the form of the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), i.e. 2394-2053 (Print) and 2394-2061 (Online), listing in the National Library of Medicine (NLM) catalogue,[9] the HINARI,[10] and the Directory of Open Access scholarly Resources (ROAD),[11] abstracting and indexing in bibliographic databases like that of the Indian Citation Index,[12] the Google Scholar Citations,[13] the Research Bible,[14] the Index Medicus for South-East Asia Region (IMSEAR),[15] the Index Copernicus,[16] the China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) Scholar,[17] and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).[18]

Some additional information includes that about the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) for the journal, i.e. 10.5958/2394-2061 as prefix,[19] the journal following the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) Recommendations,[20] and the journal adhering to the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI).[21] OJPAS™ is currently under review for indexing in the PubMed Central[22] as well as in the Embase and Scopus.[23]

Post World War 2, Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill wrote to the world leaders asking their opinion on the rights of the citizens of the ‘New World Order’. In reply, giving citation from his own life, Mahatma Gandhi said that rights follow spontaneously when one’s own duties are implemented. Likewise, our journey continues to strive for higher echelons and with this comes duties to fulfill for our rights. We, the Team OJPAS™ is ready for that. Thus, we have come up with the current issue: January-June 2017, Volume 8 Issue 1.

Happy reading!

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