

## Editor's note

### Twenty two years of the Medical Journal of Indonesia

The coming of the year 2013 has special meaning for the Medical Journal of Indonesia. On the one hand, this year indicates that the MJI has proven its capacity, potency, and consistency to regularly appear in publication for 22 years. During this long period, the MJI has been successful in maintaining its timely publication, as well as achieving some progress in quality improvements. On the other hand, despite this long experience, the big target of becoming an internationally recognized journal is not yet satisfying. One of our target indicator of this internationalization is being indexed in international indexing system.

It was in 1991 that the founder of MJI, in Memoriam Prof. dr. Abdul Bari Saifuddin triggered the idea that the Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia should have a scientific journal. Regarding that the FMUI is the oldest and biggest Faculty of Medicine in Indonesia, it should act as the pioneer and stay in the frontline in the development of medical science and technology and in the dissemination of research findings. Thus, the existence of a Scientific Journal was considered inevitable. After attending the 3rd Workshop on Medical Editing held by the Singapore Academy of Medicine in collaboration with The Journal of American Medical Association and The British Medical Journal in Singapore in October 1991, Prof. dr. Abdul Bari Saifuddin initiated several meetings with senior academic staff. Through this meeting it was agreed that Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia should have a journal and the birth of the newly called medical journal, "The Medical Journal of the University of Indonesia" (MJUI) was declared. This journal was published in English and take a very strategic position as a means of disseminating the progress of medical research by the Universitas Indonesia. This group appointed Prof. dr. Abdul Bari Saifuddin to coordinate the publishing of the first edition, conforming to international standards based on the workshop in Singapore.

In January 1992, the Dean of the Faculty issued a decree stating that the Medical Journal of the Universitas Indonesia becomes the official journal of the Faculty. International requirements of the peer-reviewed double anonymous system was attempted to be implemented as much as possible since the beginning. Call for papers, recruitment of potential editorial board member, as well as recruitment of external peer reviewer was actively done. This heavy work beared fruit that since 1992 until nowadays, the MJUI is published timely, four times a year, and has never been failed to published. The journal

was distributed to the medical academic staff throughout the country and some medical libraries abroad.

In 1996, the Commission of Publication, Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education Republic of Indonesia, conferred accreditation with high grade for the journal and proposed that the name of this journal would be changed to the "Medical Journal of Indonesia" (MJI) in order to widen its implication. The MJI since then always pass regular three or four yearly renewal of accreditation of the Indonesia Ministry of Education.

Now, 22 years have been elapsed and the efforts for the improvements are continuing. However, the target of the MJI to be recognized as an international medical journal has not yet got success, especially in term of being indexed in international indexing system such as PubMed central, Scopus, Thomson Reuters, etc. However, some progress have been made such as adaptation of its system as to meet the uniform requirements of international data system. By this way, the MJI can be detected in Google Scholars, Garuda Portal System (a national indexing system), and also becoming an open access journal. Various measures for improving the quality of journal are continuously attempted including capacity building of editors through regular local and international training of editorial member in the field of scientific journal editing system.

Around the end of the year 2012, the representatives of MJI attend the APAME (Asia Pacific Association of Medical Editor) congress in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. This event was followed up by establishment of the Indonesian Association of Medical Editor (IndAMed). It was Professor Farroukh Habibzadeh, the former president of WAME (World Association of Medical Editor), who give invaluable advice and guidance for the establishment of medical editor association in Indonesia. This effort is considered important to make the MJI, as well as other journal's editors in Indonesia being incorporated in international activities of publications.

We hope that by these continuous efforts from the editors, reviewer, publisher along with supports from scientific community in Indonesia and abroad who are willing to submit their manuscripts to the MJI, and the support from the Dean, President of the University, and the government, will help the progress steps of the MJI through international level.

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