

Editorial

Every successful nation on the earth has realized that education is a vital investment in the national economy. Today, lifelong learning is an essential component of all aspects of education. The increased speed of the new knowledge acquired has forced us to divide learning into shorter and novel phases. The traditional structured choreography of the educational process with rigid definition is no longer sufficient to compete and succeed in the modern world.

In medicine generally, and obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound specifically, the speed of new knowledge growth has been and will continue to be astounding. Within one generation, ultrasound has progressed from a research tool to become a vital component of virtually all aspects of obstetrics and gynecology. A sonologist needs to keep pace with the evolving knowledge so that he or she can act confidently, responsibly and effectively in the clinical setting to serve the needs of pregnant, fetal and gynecologic patients.

The Donald School Journal of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology can serve as an important component to the lifelong learning of the practitioner of ultrasound by providing state-of-the-art practical information, which can be used in everyday practice. Our journal covers not only standard topics but also controversial and timely ones as well so that reader is knowledgeable about the depth and breath of our field.

We are indebted to board members of the Ian Donald Inter-University School who serve as the teaching nucleus of our journal. They serve as the editorial board and spend many hours on writing and soliciting timely articles and providing important peer review. Last year over 4,000 students attended Ian Donald courses throughout the world and 72 finished one-year fellowship program in ultrasound training achieving a masters degree in ultrasound in Doha, Dubai and Khartoum. Our publisher, Jaypee Brothers, is outstanding both in terms of quality and cost effectiveness. Because of this outstanding team, the time from submission to publication is rapid; 90% of accepted articles are published within four months of submission: a benchmark for the industry.

The future of the journal is especially bright because of the hard work and innovation of some gifted individuals. Sanja Kupesic has published the Donald School Video Atlas of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology and she will soon start a distance learning process. Our website has been launched due to the hard work of Ivica Zalud, Shelby Wong and Jadranka Cerovec.

In closing, lifelong learning is a privilege, not a chore, of every sonologist and sonographer. Our journal is proud to assist all in this important activity.



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