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Editorial

EDITORIAL

A Critical Self Evaluation

“Success is the necessary misfortune of life, but it is only to the very unfortunate that it comes early.”

-Anthony Trollope (1815 - 1882)

This editorial is dedicated to Anthony Trollope (1815 - 1882), the most successful, prolific and respected English novelists of the Victorian era for his inspiring quotation written above. The Vol-2, Issue-1 of International Journal of Applied Sciences and Biotechnology is in front of you. It is our attempt to put forward the positive as well negative points of the journal including the success story. Till this date, we have received 89 manuscripts from 11 countries. Among these manuscripts 73% (65) have been published in the 1st volume in 4 issues including this issue; whereas, 23% (20) have been rejected and 4 manuscripts are under review process. At the time of releasing the inaugural issue, 12 members were involved in the editorial and advisory board from 8 countries and 27 reviewers from 3 countries. Presently potential scholars from all over world are interested to join our team as editors and/or reviewers and we have a good editorial team of 21 members from 10 countries; whereas, 13 requests are pending due to scarcity of time to select the real potentials to cover the various subjects and coverage all over world. I would like to excuse for delay in execution of pending requests. Presently our reviewer team is 115 from 9 countries and we have adopted the policy to increase our reviewer team day by day. I would like to mention here that we give one credit point for one review to the reviewer which is equal to the publication charge of one author required for publication of manuscript in this journal. It became clear that we claim some publication charge from the author to maintain the expenses required for survival and quality control of the journal. The accepted good manuscripts have been published without any publication charge also, 8 manuscripts have been published which was really good and author had no any funding and projects to afford publication charge. In the coming days, we have decided to ask for invited review manuscripts from various parts of the world to increase the readers of this journal. This journal is abstracted and indexed in around 37 databases, we have not attempted to collect data of actual reader all over the world from these various websites, where this journal is indexed; but, according to statistics of our website, readers from 124 countries are involved to view the articles of this journal.

A critical analysis of above data is very important to get lessons for the gradual enhancement of quality and originality of published articles. The reviewers and editorial team of this journal, are

most bona-fide in their own area of research, which is our achievement. The reviewer and editorial teams are increasing day by day, it shows healthy growth of this journal. But, we are most attentive to solve our negative sides. Off course, till the date some mistakes may be seen due to early age of the journal due lack of proper skills of some of our reviewers and/or editorial members, but I would like to take all responsibility myself. If the review report comes in the favor of publication and we publish according to suggestions, sometimes the affectionate feeling of reviewer to establish the seedling of this journal might be responsible for publication of some of the less informative papers. Presently, the root of this journal has been established and most hopefully, it will be flourish into a tree in few years. We are committed to enhance the standard of articles and this context, we have added DOI of all references where available in this issue and it will be continued for all coming issues. Simultaneously, I would like to show our another negative points related to financial problem; we are using free online plagiarism checker and due to limited access, we are able to check some of the manuscripts which look plagiarized. To purchase an original software to check plagiarism is our main priority that we can discourage plagiarism in coming days. At last, I would like to acknowledge all persons who are involved directly or indirectly for the success of this journal with the saying of famous scientist.

“Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.”

-Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

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