

EDITORIAL

Valuable Readers and Colleagues

After publishing the first issue of the Journal of International Society for the History of Islamic Medicine, we received so many letters; the majority expressed that the journal looks excellent in both the style and the contents. Some readers, whom we met in Istanbul during the activities of ISHM congress in September 2003, expressed congratulations on the production of such an informative journal in the field of history of Islamic Medicine, and they asked us to maintain the high standards we have started with.

Now it is our pleasure to publish the second issue of ISHIM Journal. As we mentioned in the first issue; the aim of this journal is to publish the scientific articles on the History of Islamic Medicine and Islamic Medical Ethics. Moreover it can contain other original papers, which is useful for the History of Islamic Medicine. Congress News, Letter to the editor, Book Review etc are also present in this issue of the journal.

Some valuable colleagues' articles are found in October 2002 Issue of ISHIM Journal. The first article by İbrahim B.Syed is on Islamic Medicine: 1000 Years Ahead of the Times. The second article by Sehnaz Kıymaz is about Sufi Treatments. The Third Article by Pliniu Pioreschi is on Al-Kindi. The next article by Henry A.Azar is on Ibn Zuhr's Kitab al-Taysir. The fifth article by Abdul Nasser Kaadan is about the Ottoman Medical School of Damascus and its Effect on Teaching Medicine in Syria. The next article by Jacqueline A.Carleton is on Psychotherapy. The Seventh Article by Rosanna Gorini gives some knowledge about Attention and Care to the Madness During The Islamic Middle Ages. The next article by Hanna T. Bachour is on Arabic Physicians in Dermatology. The ninth article by Sharif Kaf Al-Ghazal is about The Discovery of the Pulmonary Circulation. The next article by Jacqueline A. Carleton is on Alternative Therapies. The eleventh article by Farid S. Haddad is about Four Arabic Medical Texts. The last article by Mostafa Shehata is on An International Questionnaire.

Moreover, Book Review by Alain Touwaide is on Some Recent Publications on The History of Arabic Medicine.

Wishing this Issue of the Journal of ISHIM to be beneficial to all readers.

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