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Submitted to the Director.

Sub: Development of web-based platform for the JAIISH-reg.

Ref: 1. Suggestions received from the Journal Committee dated 11.07.19 & 5.11.19

 2. Letter No.SH/SLS/KY/2019-20 dated 01.01.2020

Respected Madam,

 With reference to the above, we developed a web-based platform for the Journal of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (JAIISH) using Open Journal System (OJS), an open source journal publishing solution available free of cost. The new electronic platform of the JAIISH was launched by Shri. Sudhir Kumar I.A.S., Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India in September 2019.

All the previous volumes of the JAIISH till 2018 were digitized and made available on the platform with basic and advanced search facilities. Also, the inbuilt editorial workflow system of the OJS was customized to suite the requirements of JAIISH. We also obtained an ISSN for the electronic version of the journal from the Indian ISSN Centre NISCAIR, New Delhi. In addition, we subscribed a web-based automatic typesetting solution for easy formatting of the manuscripts and publish online in various formats such as html, ePub and pdf. The typesetting system also will do automatic indexing for the renowned databases like PubMed Central (PMC).

We received nearly 39 suggestions for modifications in the new system from the Journal Committee (during our demonstration of the workflow of the new journal on 11.07.19 and 05.11.19) and we managed to incorporate nearly all of them (copies enclosed). Also, we developed User Manuals to perform different editorial roles and made available to the Managing Editor. However, in a meeting held recently, the committee suggested an additional feature in the work flow (related to author submission) which we could not incorporate as it will affect the entire workflow. On the other hand, the committee is of the opinion that without the feature, the system will be confusing and possibilities of committing mistakes from the part of editorial members as well as the authors will be more.

Hence, any one of the following suggestions may kindly be considered for the publication of the journal. It may please be noted that availability of the journal details online is essential for getting the approval of the UGC.

1. Use the new platform without the inbuilt editorial work as we cannot incorporate the new feature suggested by the Committee and without the new feature it is difficult for the committee to use the inbuilt editorial system. Even if we are not making use of the automatic workflow, the newly subscribed typesetting and indexing solution can be used for publishing the journal on the new platform launched.
2. Try to get the journal published in partnership with commercial publishers on payment basis. Though we tried earlier with reputed publishers like M/s Elsevier and M/s Taylor & Francis and failed in the attempt, recently M/s Medknow expressed their willingness in this regard. The contact details of M/s Medknow will be shared with the Journal Committee.

Thank you,

 Yours faithfully,

Library and Information Officer