



## EDITORIAL



### The First Anniversary of the Journal of Research on History of Medicine

Luckily one year has passed since the publication of the first issue of research on the history of medicine (RHM), and despite an encouraging horizon at the beginning of the journey, not even its most optimistic member could anticipate such significant achievements.

RHM has been designated to introduce the scientific history of medicine in not only the Middle Eastern region – recognized as a center of excellence for almost one thousand years throughout the history- but also the whole world. The international editorial board from a suitably vast geographical distribution including various countries and civilizations is a valuable tool to achieve such a goal. During the recent year, we have focused on different strategies to satisfy our international readers. The journal website uses the specialized Open Journal System (OJS) software, and is regularly updated to provide readers with the newest articles before hard copy publication. The journal visibility has improved thanks to the ongoing indexing in major international databases. The graphic design and page layout has been derived from ancient manuscript from the Iranian civilization, making a suitable historical platform for data presentation. Referencing system provides a simultaneous visual tracking of references during reading, while adhering to the standardized Harvard system of referencing. Additional chapters have been introduced to present interesting historic information including biographies, book summaries and

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historic documents and manuscripts. Finally, publication of articles in three different languages –including Arabic which has been the Lingua Franca of science during 800-1700- provides more numerous contributions from speakers of the three languages, while increasing the journal’s international readership.

Hereby, relying on unsparing supports of “the Research Office for the History of Persian Medicine”, appreciating the inexhaustible efforts of its director Dr. A. Zargaran, and the Shiraz University of Medical Sciences vice chancellor for research, Dr. Gh. Hatam, we look forward to starting the second year of publication of RHM.