

# Indexing of JKOA and what is means for KOA

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Dear Members of Karnataka Orthopaedic Association,

It is with great pleasure and pride I would like to convey to you all that our journal is now indexed in Index Copernicus for the year 2016 with an Index Copernicus value (ICV) of 63.17. The last two years of hard work has paid off finally and this is an inspiration for us to strive further in our efforts to index in agencies like Medline, PubMed Central, Science citation index, Embase / Excerpta Medica and Scopus

Publications in scientific journals from State level associations and organisations provides excellent platform to share clinical experience and opinions among peers. It also provides an opportunity for the Postgraduates to publish their dissertations and offer a primary insight into the exciting world of scientific publications.

Medical Council of India (MCI) has laid down guidelines for faculty appointments and promotions in medical colleges. One of the important parameters is publication of research in indexed journals. Accordingly, MCI recognises scientific publications included in Index Copernicus database. Thus, the Journal of Karnataka Orthopaedic Associations' inclusion into Index Copernicus assumes paramount significance and offers new prospects for promotions to teachers in medical colleges across entire nation. There are many ways of assessing the scientific value of a journal. One such method is indexation or inclusion is reputed databases.

Index Copernicus International is a specialized platform for promoting scientific achievements, as well as supporting national and international collaboration between scientists, publishers of scientific journals and scientific entities. The ICI Journals Master List is an international indexation database of scientific journals. To be indexed, the journal needs to successfully pass an evaluation process involving a multi-dimensional parametric evaluation based on more than 100 criteria. Successful journals are awarded the ICV (Index Copernicus Value) valid for one year only. ICV is a measure of the impact that the scientific journal has. It tells you how fast the journal will reach the goal, i.e. increase the citation rate of its scientific papers and is the sum of points awarded in the assessment of two components i.e., Quality and Impact of the scientific journal.

We have successfully gone through this rigorous evaluation process and I place my gratitude to the executive committee of Karnataka Orthopaedic association and all the association members for their support and faith. I also take this opportunity to thank the Indian Orthopaedic research group for helping us through the indexation process. We need to continue our efforts to publish at least two volumes a year and enhance the quality of research articles from now on to retain the Index Copernicus indexation as well as to apply for other indexing agencies.

Hence, I request all our members to contribute your research work which is immense in scientific content and high in ethical standards.

Wishing you all a very happy new year ahead

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