

## Editorial

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**Science is a way of equipping yourself with the tools to interpret what happens in front of you.” — Neil de Grasse Tyson**

Scientific research has always been an arduous task, involving patient and meticulous search on the library shelves and internet sources for past literature, doing thought-provoking experiments, documenting their productive results, writing and publishing reports. All this demands efficient use of time with a well-planned program, which includes close monitoring and supervision of projects, writing proposals, and scientific reports, while avoiding errors, quoting the correct citations, connecting networks, and searching for relevant journals for publication. How do we all plan for this challenging task?

Mercifully there are numerous online tools for the novice to help them organize their documents, search and cite literature, communicate and connect with professional contemporaries, and even more. An array of options are available, although the right tools yielding the best results may often be difficult to find. Here are a few options which I feel may be useful for our members.

- Project management tools like Trello and GanttPRO help manage project progress utilizing hierarchical listing that includes scheduling activities, formulating action plans, setting deadlines, resource allocation, establishing completion deadlines, and viewing progress.

- Innovative grammar check tools are now a ‘must have’ aid, detecting spelling, sentence and punctuation errors and correcting grammatical flaws. Grammarly and Trinka AI are two popular grammar checker tools available for researchers, which enhance the quality of language in the manuscript.

- EndNote and Mendeley have used reference management tools for correct citation and linking references in scientific articles.

- The bane of plagiarism can now be managed with numerous plagiarism checker tools such as Turnitin and Duplichecker. There are currently many journal finder tools, like Elsevier journal finder, which help send our article to the right and appropriate journal and save our precious time.

- Progress in research is vitally dependent on sharing individual scientific work for which exchange of ideas and connection between researchers. A great help encouraging collaborative effort is to connect through scientific, social networks sites like ResearchGate. These forums promote and publicize the research done in the scientific community and establish links between teams across continents. Many of these sites have a free trial version, which researchers, in the beginning, can use.

We congratulate our contributors to this edition and hope for more contributions from all our members as we finally move away from this pandemic. Have a great academic feast at KOACON 2022.

Sincerely

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