

A NEW FORUM FOR RESEARCH AND PROGRESS

It may perhaps appear somewhat early to launch a journal for an academy of sciences which was established only eighteen months ago. When we remember, however, that the Journal of Islamic Academy of Sciences will cater for more than a million scientists in nearly one thousand institutions of higher education and research located in forty six Muslim countries, we realize that there already is a scientific potential which may need even more than one such international periodical. There certainly is no doubt that a great deal of research is being conducted by muslim scientists in numerous laboratories all over the world. Their results should necessarily be made available to all scholars of the muslim countries as well as to the world of science. It is a fact that the journals of the advanced countries are not always available to even well known researchers which make publication of articles, sometimes a painful event. It will, therefore, make it easy for scientists of our developing countries to communicate the results of their projects to the libraries of science.

Non sectarian

It should be realized from the beginning that the Journal of Islamic Academy of Sciences is "non sectarian" and will accept manuscripts on the basis of "Scientific merit" only. In the decision of acceptance, factors not concerned with science, will naturally, not be taken into consideration.

Emphasis on Research

All manuscripts with reliable data of well planned and carefully executed research projects in any specific area of positive sciences will be published, provided that our referees agree on their originality and credibility. A priority may be exercised concerning the work done on the outstanding and/or urgent problems of muslim countries of the day. This will be completely under the discretion of the editorial board and implemented by the editor.

Foundations of western civilization

Emphasizing research on the other hand may bring to the focus the frequently overlooked fact that research plays a key function in the process of scientific and technological advancement. We may even justly say that research constitutes one of the most important cornerstones deep in the foundations of modern civilization. From this point of view, fostering research activities may be looked upon as a sound method of stimulating progress for the developing countries which are literally replete with "untouched" problems to be solved by scientific approach. This certainly offers a challenge and at the same time an excellent chance for the well trained young investigators of these countries.

A Scientific Competition

Publishing reports of such investigations, we wish and hope, that a scientific completion be initiated among the researchers of the developing countries. This, we firmly believe, will ultimately lead to the best solution for the living problems of these nations. Thus the Journal of Islamic Academy of Sciences will, in reality, function as a source of inspiration. And we hope it will thus play a crucial role in the campaign for the progress of the peoples who need and deserve it the most.

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