

EDITORIAL: CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

In February 2019, the 43rd Kenya Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Conference took place at Movenpick Hotel and Residences in Nairobi. We are pleased to present a collection of abstracts based on this conference's theme. The KOGS Annual Scientific Meetings are the foremost gathering of women's health care experts in Kenya. The call for abstracts has been receiving a very positive response as indicated by the number of accepted abstracts. As we may be aware, conference proceedings may be published as a book or book series, in a journal, or otherwise as a serial publication. Only about 5% of conference presentations are ever published. This may be due to time and resource constraints on part of the Authors or due a myriad of reasons. However, this leads to a delay in publication of a lot of novel ideas.

At JOGECA, all submitted articles are subject to an extensive peer review, in consultation with members of the journal's Editorial Board and independent external referees. The manuscripts are assessed and the decision taken by the journal's Editor-in-Chief based on all the peer reviewers' comments, which are then conveyed to the author(s).

As the abstracts in this issue show, much has happened since the inception of the society, we know a lot and are capable of doing a lot. Since this collection comes from individual researchers, each paper typically is quite isolated from the other papers in the proceedings. Mostly there is no general argument leading from one contribution to the next. We trust that this special issue will encourage our members to take the next step of translating these abstracts into manuscripts. Conference paper may form the basis of a journal article without being considered self-plagiarism, or compromising the novelty of the journal article, so long as the article is "expanded, revised, and/or refined to add value to the conference proceedings."⁽¹⁾

By looking back at the proceedings of this event, and referring to some of the conclusions made in these papers, we would like to provide a basis for appreciating the wide variety of research initiatives that have been reported here in. Overall, articles from this collection reflect a wide range of areas of research and programmatic initiatives in Reproductive Health and highlight its prospects and future directions. We hope that they will attract the attention of a broad scientific readership.

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