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Editorial

From this issue onwards, we have decided to publish three issues per year — April, August, and December. This has become imperative as we are now overwhelmed with submissions and demand for publishing papers as early as possible, particularly from authors who have recently completed their PhDs and need to publish a paper to fulfil the HEC criterion for the recognition of their PhD and, in certain cases, for the announcement of their results by their respective universities. This is a healthy development and augurs well for the profusion of research output in the academia.

We also plan to develop and implement a system whereby authors will be able to submit their papers online. This would eliminate the inconvenience of sending hard and soft copies by mail — though authors may still need to send payment by post for a while. In addition, the system would allow authors to track progress of their submissions as well as opt to be reviewers of papers that may interest them. This would allow us to make a paper available online to researchers as soon it is accepted, revised and edited. After all, we live in a digital era!

However, before that system is in place, I would advise our prospective authors to learn how to use different features of Microsoft Word. Many authors still use the space bar instead of the tab key and tend to centralise titles and headings with the space bar. Moreover, the tables and figures are so designed that they go haywire during formatting. I would urge you to use as little formatting as possible and get help from an expert before you submit the soft copy.

That’s all for now!

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