The Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery has in recent years made great strides in improving its quality, not only in form but more importantly, in content. It continues to be the wellspring of new information that we, as otolaryngologists can refer to during our daily practice. There are still numerous research materials out there waiting to be published but they have not passed the strict scrutiny of the editorial board and reviewers.

The journal needs to maintain the high standards it has achieved. In doing so, it has to review all manuscripts to determine their worthiness for publication. The duty of the journal is to publish research projects and not undertake them. This is where we, as a society, come in. The Board of Trustees of the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery is committed to support the research initiative of all its fellows through the research committee. The committee is formulating guidelines on the funding of research undertakings especially if these will deal with epidemiological data-gathering that will guide us not only in our practice of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery but also in decision-making by policy-making bodies in government and non-government organizations. It is lamentable that when asked in local and international fora, our Fellows are unable to answer with certainty and confidence questions regarding the prevalence and incidence of disease entities covered by or specialty.

The Fellows of the society must now think beyond research contests to come up with good quality research projects. Our accredited training institutions provide the manpower to move these researches but these should be initiated, closely supervised and written by our Fellows. Likewise, our regional chapters must provide the environment for their members to embark on researches that will be relevant both to their communities and the country as a whole. Training programs for research protocol design and research as well as for medical writing and review have to be made available to our Fellows in order for their scientific research to pass the litmus test for inclusion not just in the PJOHNS but also in other international publications.

That being said, I would like congratulate the editorial board and staff of the Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery headed by Dr. Jose Lapeña for giving the society a journal that we can truly be proud of.

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