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Throughout the recent year, the process of publishing scientific papers was enhanced by workshops for medical writing and peer review. Would-be authors were therefore trained in the nuances of paper writing in conformity with international standards while a pool of judges consisting of epidemiologists and otolaryngologists critically reviewed submitted research papers. Before a research paper was deemed “potentially publishable”, it had to undergo a series of corrections from judge reviewers until it was revised and ready in its pre-final form. Thus, the products of the systematic review process by the judge-reviewers and the authors of the research papers that qualify for oral presentation are truly what Diplomates or Fellows of the Philippine Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery can be proud of. Of course, these pre-final papers further undergo the editorial process of form- and content- editing before final publication.

During the past Board meetings of PJOHNS, Trustees were supportive of amendments to current guidelines for analytical, descriptive, surgical innovations and instrumentation contests. Through a Board Resolution, amendments were unanimously approved. While the system of submitting research papers to judge reviewers entails a lot of time, online corrections and reviews saved the authors and the judges precious time and efforts.

In order to serve as an incentive, research grants are also available to our Fellows upon submission of research protocols and as approved by the Board of Trustees. Authors of research papers are then encouraged to submit the finished papers to the PJOHNS for possible publication.

In behalf of the 2013 Board of Trustees, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the subcommittee on Journal headed by Dr. Jose Florencio Lapeña, Jr. for his selfless dedication of coming up with a journal of international caliber such as the Philippine Journal of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. The editorial staff deserves our congratulations!

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