

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the first edition of the journal of ophthalmology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (JOECSA). This new journal replaces the East African Journal of Ophthalmology (EAJO) which has been in print since the year 1976 and has so far produced 16 volumes. This replacement was necessitated by the merger of the Ophthalmological Society of Eastern Africa (OSEA) and Eastern Africa College of Ophthalmologists (EACO) to form COECSA. EAJO was the official journal of OSEA and likewise JOECSA will be the official journal for COECSA. JOECSA will provide a platform for all ophthalmologists in the region to publish their research findings and disseminate information to promote good ophthalmic practices.

The main objective of JOECSA is to improve all aspects of Ophthalmology and Community Eye Health in COECSA member states. To achieve this objective, JOECSA will publish a minimum of three journals in a year containing original scientific articles, review articles, case reports and letters dealing with any factor impacting eye health.

A new and vibrant editorial board has been constituted and a team of international advisors will be nominated and engaged in future editions. This will be a peer reviewed journal accessible online through the link <http://coecea.org/ojs-2.4.2/index.php/JOECSA>. Once the JOECSA web page is fully developed it will provide the authors, reviewers and editors an effective platform for online submission and review of manuscripts. The ultimate aim of the editorial team is to have the journal indexed in PubMed and Medline increase the visibility of published articles. Guidelines to authors can be found on www.coecea.org.

The future of this journal depends on the commitment and support of all COECSA members. It is in this spirit that the JOECSA Editorial Board appeals to all of you to support your journal by submitting articles for publication and assisting to review articles from your peers to make the new journal a success.

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