

EDITORIAL

TOIL AND DREAM ON



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The editorship came in as a big, BIG surprise. This with a bang and the news that our dear EIC (over the last 15 years), Dr. Cecilia Maramba-Lazarte will relinquish her post. The whole gamut of human emotions came into play as if I were this character Riley from “Inside Out”(Disney). I felt overly surprised. There was sadness, disgust, even fear. Anger? Angst? There was no perfect word to describe what it felt to be tasked to carry on and bring further “THE PIDSP JOURNAL”.

For the past 22 years that the journal has existed (created in 1996), it has undoubtedly achieved its primary goal of providing Filipino clinicians local data which is relevant, timely, and essential in the management of pediatric infections. Since 2007, it became an online open access journal, making research results accessible and useful. Since 2009, articles submitted to the journal started to undergo the peer review process which ensured that only high-quality researches are published. In 2012, formal acceptance of the journal into the Western Pacific Region Index Medicus was achieved. With all these feats, what else is left to be done?

Being indexed with SCOPUS is a dream. It will increase the visibility of our local researches to the global audience and will give us an opportunity to collaborate with experts worldwide.

To say that Drs. Bravo and Maramba-Lazarte brought the PIDSP Journal to greater heights is an understatement. There was always a milestone achieved every 5 years. The last blast though in 2017 ended with an adieu (but not a sad one as Dr. Maramba-Lazarte remains to be an adviser). Could a blast in 2022 be a possibility?

Scopus? Dream On. For now, will take on this dream one step at a time. There is magic, but only with determination and hard work. We will continue to TOIL AND DREAM ON, and this with our fervent hope that you would continue to read on...