

## **Editorial**

The start of a new journal is a challenge as well as the beginning of an exciting journey. The challenge lies in attracting papers which meet the aspirations of the journal and with the help of reviewers, working on them to meet the standards of the journal. I am pleased to say that the second issue of the journal has met this challenge, with submission of high quality papers, covering very current issues in infectious diseases in Sri Lanka as well as neighbouring countries.

The review and case report discuss the possible emergence of melioidosis which needs accurate diagnosis for optimal treatment. Accurate diagnosis however requires microbiology laboratories with trained staff, functioning equipment and basic consumables. Resource limitations, and in many countries, a lack of emphasis on laboratory development has been a serious hindrance to the diagnosis of infectious diseases. This has resulted in poor outcomes as well as a lack of awareness of such diseases by clinicians.

Vector borne diseases and the transmission of resistant pathogens continue to be a major concern in many countries. Locally generated data in both these areas add information, which is useful to both clinicians and policy makers, for management of patients as well as discussions on preventive strategies.

We hope that you will find the contents of this issue useful and thought provoking. We look forward to receiving your feedback and contributions for publication in our journal. Please visit the journal's submission and peer review website at <http://www.sljol.info/>

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