Editorial

Impact of NRC-2012 on Rehabilitation Education in Pakistan
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First National Rehabilitation Conference-2012 held at Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Isra University Islamabad was a major milestone in the rehabilitation arena of Pakistan. It was very well attended from all parts of the country especially the students in different disciplines of rehabilitation sciences. It helped the student about understanding the scope of rehabilitation services and future employment areas. The conference put together different professionals of the rehabilitation team including rehab physicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapist, speech and language pathologists, orthotists and prosthetist, psychologists, osteopaths and social workers. It provided a single platform for the development of disability management services in the country. It created awareness among the people regarding the importance of rehabilitation sciences and the services that were being offered. It opened new avenues for establishment of rehabilitation services in the country, the concept of multidisciplinary team approach and disability management.

The conference helped the professionals working in individual capacity in different aspects of rehabilitation to sit together and pave ways for better patient management by using expertise of their fellow colleagues, it helped for networking among the different fields as well as among seniors and juniors working in the same specialty.

The future of rehabilitation sciences in Pakistan is very bright and commencement of such conferences, establishment of new institutes and starting of a first rehab journal are positive signs. It will help promote research culture in the field as well as learning from the experts. The conference will help in standardization of curriculum throughout the country as well as adoption of latest syllabus keeping in view the international standards and will help in grooming of professionals without borders.

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