

## EDITORIAL

**O**pen Access (**O.A**) to Scholarship is a recent theme among various stake holders of the present decade witnessing burgeoning of open access journals and repositories and planting an impact on Research and Development process. Both research output and scholars are becoming more visible through **O. A.** - To access research results in an open, free and online mode- but doesn't pick up the pace to populate the peer reviewed literature remarkably in subject/ institutional repositories. It, thus, leaves ample space to sensitize scholars and institutions to access, populate and test varying models of OA journals and repositories to bridge the divide and above all help transparency, growth and timely usage of the innovations and results in the arena of scholarship.

With this understanding, we have made a modest attempt to devote the present Volume of the journal to **Open Access** to Scholarship presenting seven research papers on Open Access scenario across the globe in this issue. The more papers received about various aspects of the theme will find the place in the next issue.

To summarize, in this issue, **Sumeer Gul et al** made an attempt to assess the growth of open Access scholarship on a global perspective to bring forth global trends in the area. The paper by **Saima Qutub** focuses on Open Access activities in Pakistan

in wider connotation of the term. The Turkish landscape is nicely embodied by **Yaisr Tonta**, a renowned researcher in the field from Turkey. **Marin Dacos and Delphine Cavallo** build a case study of *Revue* portal of France (in French language) highlighting its unique features. We understand that it requires English version as well, for the greater audience of Asian continent which we have undertaken for the interest of our target audience, appearing in the next issue.

The Latin American picture is painted by **Edgardo Civallero and Sara Plaza**. A Paper by **Mohammad Hanief Bhat** is unique piece of research analysing open access scenario in J&K- a small state of India. Another research paper by **S.M.Shafi** in collaboration with **Mohammad Hanief Bhat** makes a comparative study of the open access impact across different types of disciplines. The paper is a modified version of a contribution presented at ELPUB 2008 (Toronto, Canada.)

However, I derive some satisfaction for, besides this publication, we conducted a workshop on the theme in March 2008 which ensued a beginning to launch e-repository (@ The University of Kashmir) for the scholarly literature emanating from prestigious institutions of J&K. Some home work and modalities are going on for the endeavor. The promotion of such initiatives and research in academic, social and technical aspects of Electronic Publishing has now become an area of interest to the department at various levels, the manifestation of

which is our decision to hold a National seminar on the theme from 25-27 October, 2008.

I hope that our efforts will add to global corpus in a modest way, ultimately every attempt is aimed at to help 'users' in getting right information and knowledge at the right time in a cost effective manner without any barricade.

**Editor**