

Editorial Statement (for the last issue of the Songklanagarind Medical Journal)

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The Songklanagarind Medical Journal was first established by Prof. Vicharn Panich in 1983, and has reached its 36th year with the last issue of January–March 2018. During these 36 years, the Songklanagarind Medical Journal has been through many developments and improvements. There have been altogether 9 editors-in-chief since the beginning:

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| – Prof. Vicharn Panich | Vol. 1 No. 1 (1983) – Vol. 3 No. 4 (1985) |
| – Prof. Saranatra Waikakul | Vol. 4 No. 1 (1986) – Vol. 6 No. 1 (1988) |
| – Prof. Winyou Mitarnun | Vol. 6 No. 2 (1988) – Vol. 9 No. 4 (1991) |
| – Assoc. Prof. Arnuparp Lekhakula | Vol. 10 No. 1 (1992) – Vol. 14 No. 4 (1996) |
| – Prof. Nakornchai Phuenpathom | Vol. 15 No. 1 (1997) – Vol. 18 No. 1 (2000) |
| | Vol. 28 No. 3 (2010) – Vol. 30 No. 2 (2012) |
| | Vol. 31 No. 4 (2013) – Vol. 33 No. 2 (2015) |
| | Vol. 33 No. 3 (2015) – Vol. 34 No. 3 (2016) |
| – Assoc. Prof. Vicha Charoonratana | Vol. 18 No. 2 (2000) – Vol. 26 No. 2 (2008) |
| – Prof. Prayong Vachvanichsanong | Vol. 26 No. 3 (2008) – Vol. 28 No. 2 (2010) |
| – Prof. Verapol Chandeying | Vol. 30 No. 3 (2012) – Vol. 31 No. 3 (2013) |
| – Assoc. Prof. Jitti Hanprasertpong | Vol. 34 No. 4 (2016) – At present |

In addition, the covers of Songklanagarind Medical Journal have changed during these times as follows (Figure 1);



Figure 1 Songklanagarind Medical Journal covers

One of the missions of the Faculty of Medicine, Prince of Songkla University (one of Thailand's National Research Universities) is to foster high-quality research. Accordingly, the Songklanagarind Medical Journal is an important tool to drive the mission to achieve this target.

Songklanagarind Medical Journal is an academic health science journal of Prince of Songkla University which has the goal to publicize and open opportunities for the submission of research or other academic topics, patient reports, interesting new scientific articles, suggestions, and new concepts which will be beneficial to medical professionals, public health workers, and any other readers interested in this field.

The Songklanagarind Medical Journal is indexed in the journal database of the Thai-Journal Citation Index Centre and was given a Thai-journal Impact Factor for the first time in 2002. The Songklanagarind Medical Journal was certified as an academic journal (Tier 1) according to the journal quality assessment result announcement round 1, 1st time Year 2011. Currently, the Songklanagarind Medical Journal is certified as an academic journal (Tier 1) according to the journal quality assessment results announcement round 3, Years 2015–2019. Also, the Songklanagarind Medical Journal is indexed in the ASEAN Citation Index (ACI) in the 1st time assessment Year 2014 for 41 journals.

From the next issue on, the name of the Songklanagarind Medical Journal will be changed to the Journal of Health Science and Medical Research (Figure 2), as well as aims to significantly move forward to be indexed in the international bibliometric databases, Scopus at last.



Figure 2 Journal of Health Science and Medical Research cover

On looking backward, I on behalf of current editorial board would like to express our gratitude to all former editors-in-chief, all former editorial boards for their dedication and hard working, together with Faculty of Medicine, Prince of Songkla for their kindly financial support. Beginning with the next issue, the inaugural issue of the Journal of Health Science and Medical Research, I together with the new international editorial board will do our best to provide a high-quality health science journal for all.