

## EDITORIAL

# Culture and Mental Health

I am delighted to introduce MJMHS's supplemental issue Mental Health and Culture that yield mostly from intellectual discourse of International Muslim Mental Health Conference in Malaysia. Mental Health and Culture issue provides a really exciting opportunity to consider the truly interdisciplinary nature of physical and mental health concerns in children and adults; recognizing and distinguishing the symptoms and characteristics of the mental health conditions that may be present in people with physical, intellectual, and cognitive conditions and limitations; and developing and identifying strategies that can be used by individuals, advocates, and providers across culture worldwide.

The objective of Mental Health and Culture issue is to publish up-to-date, high-quality and original research papers alongside relevant and insightful reviews. As such, the articles aspires to be vibrant, engaging and accessible, and at the same time integrative and challenging. This issue contains two types of papers. The first, Original Articles provide a traditional form of research papers and demonstrate a sound theoretical and/or methodological underpinning and a clear contribution to knowledge in the field.

The second, Review Paper, provides a critical and concise yet comprehensive and contemporary review of a particular theme specific to the mental health and culture. All types of papers had undergone journal's double-blind review process.

Needless to say, any papers that you wish to submit, either individually or collaboratively, are much appreciated and will make a substantial contribution to the early development and success of the journal. Best wishes and thank you in advance for your contribution to the supplementary issue of Mental Health and Culture under Malaysian Journal of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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