



EDITORIAL

Warning Signs in Changes of *JoEMLS* Publication Frequency

This issue (Volume 53, Issue 3) of *Journal of Educational Media and Library Sciences (JoEMLS)* has become the last issue of this volume. After this issue, *JoEMLS* will formally become a tri-annual journal, issuing in March, July and November of each year. This major change in publishing strategy has been discussed and approved in the second editorial board meeting of this year. *JoEMLS* has gone through stages of monthly and quarterly journals, thus our editorial board has mixed feelings toward this decision. In recent years, many journals in the humanities and social science field have encountered difficulties in management, especially the lack of manuscripts written in Chinese and submitted to journals published in Taiwan. The same problem has already shown in the publishing of journals in library and information science (LIS) field.

The research population in Taiwan's LIS field and relevant fields has always had limited growth. It can be seen from the low numbers of applications for subsidies in research funding from Ministry of Science and Technology. It has been more and more difficult for running a journal publishing in Taiwan. The unfriendly situation of insufficient research subsidies and strategic development from the government, as well as the embarrassed inner condition of lacking manuscripts and editorial staff, all made the problems difficult to solve within a short term. The editorial board of *JoEMLS* has managed to hold on two premises—not to become “bound volume edition” by combining issues, and not to compromise the journal quality by lowering the rejection rate. With these two premises, we tried to figure out the most sincere, decent and responsible way of making changes in publishing, with the considerations of protecting manuscript authors' rights, maintaining scholarly communication, and not skipping issues. The tri-annual journal scheme could be the best choice for dealing with the difficulties.

For this Issue 3, Volume 53 of *JoEMLS*, sixteen manuscripts were reviewed and four were accepted, with a rejection rate of 75%. Another ten manuscripts are still at the review process. Research papers published in this issue include “Barriers approach to Innovation in Academic Libraries” by Fu-Hsuan Chuang and Pao-Nuan Hsieh, “An Exploratory Research on Deviant Behaviors of Problem Patrons in Taiwan's Public Libraries” by Chen Su-May Sheih, “The Voice of the Young: Attitudes and Perceptions of Filipino LIS Students and Young Professionals

towards Professional Library Associations in the Philippines” by Joseph M. Yap and Bilyson D. Alejo, and “The Pleasures of Reading Mystery Fiction and Mystery Readers’ Book Selection Behaviors” by Chiu-Yen Wu and Chi-Shiou Lin.

In this issue, an observation report on the Romanization of referencing styles of academic journals in Taiwan’s humanities and social science field is also collected, for the reference of Taiwan journal editors who strive to make their journals internationalized. It is expected to raise concerns about the future development of Romanization of referencing styles in Chinese cited works, thus for brightening the future of journal publishing not only in Taiwan but also in China.

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編者言

從刊期轉變發現警訊

教育資料與圖書館學 (*JoEMLS*) 自 2016 年本卷期 (53 卷第 3 期) 改變為本卷 (53 卷) 之最後一刊期; 換言之, *JoEMLS* 往後將不再是季刊型式, 而正式轉換成「一年三期」(Tri-annual) 期刊, 新卷期刊期為每年 3 月、7 月、11 月出刊。此刊期政策大轉變業經本刊今年第二次編務諮詢委員會正式通過。本刊歷經了月刊、季刊的出版歲月, 也就更對於此一新決策感到掙扎和不捨。近年來, 台灣許多人文社會學門之期刊遭遇不少經營難題, 其中尤以中文寫作投稿國內期刊的學術研究人口不足所造成的稿源缺乏問題為甚, 同樣的問題也早就出現於圖資學領域的期刊出版問題上。

在台灣, 圖資學門研究人口以及圖資相關科系向來成長有限。前者似乎從歷年科技部專題研究計畫案的補助申請件數偏低的情境下得到驗證。台灣的學術期刊經營環境愈來愈艱辛, 外部環境 (政府與大學研究獎勵及輔導政策) 的不友善與內部環境 (稿源與編輯人員) 的困窘, 都讓景況難以短期內向上翻轉。*JoEMLS* 在堅持不以併期成為「合刊本」; 以及不減損期刊品質或退稿率的原則下, 思索如何維持投稿者權益、學術傳播能量以及不脫刊的理念之下, 不作假、不作弊地尋求最負責任的轉型方式。「一年三期」刊物的運作模式可說是目前所能解決和選取的最佳方案。

截至 10 月底尚未結案篇數 10 篇之外, 本卷期共計完成評閱程序之文章篇數為 16 篇, 收錄其中 4 篇為研究論文, 退稿率計 75%, 收錄大作分別為: 莊馥瑄與謝寶媛探討「學術圖書館創新之挑戰」、陳書梅發表「公共圖書館問題讀者行為類型之探索性研究」、Joseph M. Yap 與 Bilyson D. Alejo 就菲律賓圖資學系的年輕師生對圖書館專業組織的認知: “The Voice of the Young: Attitudes and Perceptions of Filipino LIS Students and Young Professionals towards Professional Library Associations in the Philippines”, 最後則為吳秋燕、林奇秀所論述的「推理小說的閱讀樂趣與讀者的選擇行為」一文。

此外, 本期亦特別刊載有關台灣人文社會科學領域學術期刊引用文獻羅馬化近況調查, 設定為「觀察報告」供諸多經營期刊國際化的本土期刊主編們參考, 希冀重新檢視所謂「學術期刊羅馬化」的後續發展, 共同為中文環境下的台灣或中國大陸學術期刊的出版經營而努力。