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I wish to congratulate the Editors on the first issue of the Sri Lanka Journal of Biomedical Informatics (SLJBMI). This will add to the efforts of the PGIM in producing a series of e- journals of the PGIM.

For many years, the Medical and the Informatics fields in Sri Lanka only had the Health Informatics Society of Sri Lanka as a forum to link-up and work towards integration between these two fields. It is only in recent times that the Sri Lankan doctors had the opportunity to study the field of Biomedical Informatics under the wing of the PGIM. The instant acceptance and the growing demand made it possible to develop and perhaps expect to further enhance a research oriented culture among its students as well as other interested scientists, locally as well as internationally.

In this backdrop, it was a long felt need to have a forum to share and disseminate biomedical informatics knowledge and to build more collaboration between the biomedical informatics communities. Today, it gives me great pleasure in sending this message to the inauguration of Sri Lanka Journal of Biomedical Informatics which will form the missing link between the researchers, students, authorities and even the general public.

The journal will be an official PGIM publication and with its unique identity and free subscription, it would be possible to reach a wider audience than a usual printed journal. It has the capacity to become one of the premier journals in the field of Biomedical Informatics, not only in Asia but also among the other worldwide journals. The benefits will filter to patients and health care workers.

I wish to congratulate the Editorial Board, ably led by Dr. B. J. C. Perera, in being able to launch the journal as planned and would like to wish further successes in future publications of this journal.

I wish the journal well for the future.

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