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Welcome to yet another issue of *Africa Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (AJNM)*. In 2015 *AJNM* started publishing its issues on Open Journals System (OJS) platform. This process has been carefully monitored by both the publisher, Unisa Press, and the editorial board of *AJNM*. This means that authors had to register their profiles as users of the journal. Being a user of *AJNM* OJS publishing platform means that one has to function in either of the following roles at one point in time, that is, as an author, a reader or a reviewer. The system also comes with additional roles for those who are part of the editorial team.

The use of the OJS platform in the publication of *AJNM* has proved to be successful in the entire management of the publication process, starting from manuscript submission to layout and publication. The online publication of *AJNM* has seen tremendous response of all users of this journal in registering their profiles in the OJS platform. As such, this platform has helped the editorial team in monitoring the use of the online publication system.

As a new system, the use of OJS has both advantages and disadvantages. The good thing is that disadvantages could be addressed so that more advantages of the system were recorded. The editorial team has observed an increase in the number of users of *AJNM* system. As a result, the editorial team is also celebrating growth in terms of bulk of manuscripts submitted for consideration.

1. Unisa Press has published both first and the second issues of *AJNM* on time in 2016
2. The online submissions, reviews and publication of *AJNM* are on track and progressing well
3. Currently 70 papers are being considered of which 3 are at check in, 37 are at review and 30 at final stages

4. 2016 supplement submission closing date was on 30 September and the Supplement is due to be published on 15 December 2016.

In addition to advantages observed by the editorial team, are the disadvantages. In the 1st quarter of 2016, reviewers were too slow or not willing to accept the task of reviewing. This caused a delay in the publication of some of the manuscript submitted for consideration by the journal. The publisher also did not have some of the processes in order. This has led to strategies being put in place to ensure that timely publication of manuscripts submitted is achieved. The table below represents brief statistics regarding utilisation of the *AJNM* on OJS publication platform:

Year	2016
Total submissions	96
Peer reviewed	26
Accept	17 (65%)
Decline	9 (35%)
Days to review	60, only two months, which is good compared to other journals
Days to publication	103, only 3 months, which is also good compared to other journals
Registered users	384, (166 new)
Registered readers	205, (101 new)

In this issue fourteen (14) articles are published. About 5 articles address midwifery on the following topics (1) contraceptive use, 2) maternal mortality, 3) management of postpartum haemorrhage, 4) optimal breastfeeding, and 5) nursing practice breakdown in maternity units. An additional 3 articles address community or public health that include 1) community-based HIV stigma-reduction intervention, 2) community health practice environments, and 3) primary health care service provision. Two articles reflect on health services managers in their functions of managing: 1) the compulsory community service rendered by newly qualified nurses, and 2) nursing workforce infected with HIV and TB. Two articles deal with clinical nursing processes, and these include 1) nurses' knowledge on Glasgow coma scale in neurological assessments, and 2) quality patient care. One article addresses the emotional challenges of nurses in caring for children, and one more article deals with teaching and supervising research at postgraduate levels.

In this issue, three (3) manuscripts stand out for the readers. These articles are based on evaluation of interventions with the aim of improving the practice of nurses and midwives. The first article is written by Louwrens, Greeff, and Manyedi (2016), which presents findings of a qualitative evaluation of a community-based

HIV stigma-reduction intervention for people living with HIV and their partners. The second article is authored by Minas and Ganga-Limando (2016) on optimal breastfeeding practice among primiparous mothers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The third article in this issue is written by Ehwarieme and Anarado (2016), which looks at the evaluation of nurses' knowledge on Glasgow Coma Scale in neurological assessment of patients in a selected tertiary hospital, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.