Editorial

Masood Zangeneh

Published online: 1 February 2011
© Springer Science+Business Media, LLC 2011

In time of uncertainties, one thing is for certain, we are more than ever committed to exploring and solving mental health and addiction on a global scale. Today's prospect of the human condition is dire. Greater economic and human resources are allocated to war machines than to community psychiatric and addiction facilities; more soldiers are recruited than frontline case managers or therapists; more community/social/health programs are eliminated while more banks and large corporations such as General Motors Corp. are receiving unlimited bailout money.

As academics, we consider ourselves as agents of change. We offer knowledge and help to transfer it to real life policies and practices. As academics living in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania we are witnessing the destabilization of countries by economic and political imperialism (some term it as globalism). The financial meltdown in U.S. and Europe is being echoed across the globe. The prospect of bone chilling third world war is looming as a result of American and European threats in Asia and Africa. Drug wars are being waged to undermine democracies and human dignity, and finally, in the age of information, access to information is being censored and privatized education is promoted in favor of accessible public education.

To examine and debate some of these issues, we are embarking on a bold and more rigorous pursuit. Starting this volume, we are switching from quarterly to bimonthly circulation. An added incentive that had influenced this new decision was due to overwhelming increase in rate of submissions, a healthy measure of the journal's success. Increasingly, International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction is being utilized as a primary source, and as an educational tool within academic institutions. Articles published in the journal are now being considered as primary reading materials for many undergraduate and graduate programs in many universities. To this end, we are planning to use online tools such as webinar to engage our authors and readers in a more open dialogue.

We seek your active participation and encourage addressing any of the above mentioned issues through your submission to the journal.

M. Zangeneh (✉)
International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction (IJMA), Editorial Office,
54 Royal Chapin Crescent, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2A7, Canada
e-mail: masood.zangeneh@utoronto.ca