



Editor's Note

NIJOTECH NOW RUNS ON OJS 3.1.1.4 PLATFORM !

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year! 2019 is here and we have started the year, as usual with a brand new issue. Our issue statistics are shown in Table 1 overleaf.

Since 2012, we have been running NIJOTECH on OJS® platform with our website hosted by BlueHost Inc, Utah, USA. We actually began then with OJS 2.3.x which was, as at that time, the most current OJS being used. This software, developed by a Public Knowledge Project PKP® is free. PKP is a multi-university initiative developing free open source software and conducting research to improve the quality and reach of scholarly publishing.

Towards 2014, we started having spambots registering on our site with fake users and spammed email addresses. Now OJS does not allow more than one user having one email address. But spambots had a solution to that, clones of emails addresses were generated and we had about 5000+ registered users. The intention of the spammers was to set a trap such that should the site administration, journal manager or editor make any mistake and enroll any of them to a key role, they will, like terrorists, take over the site.

So early in 2016, we engaged OPEN JOURNAL SYSTEMS®, a company based on Arizona, USA to shield the site for us. They took over the hosting and moved NIJOTECH to their platform. To date, they are responsible for upgrades of the software, support and management of the site protection.

In less than one month into 2016, we were rid of spambots and had a robust site with Captcha and Re-Captcha authenticating users. But it was not yet Uhuru. Following upgrades, our shields were broken and we are again back to several spambots hitting our user registrations successfully. About three months ago (since September 2018), it became extremely difficult for real users to register and upload articles onto our website as most spaces were occupied by spambots. I will perform manual cleaning and

deleting of these spammers and in less than a day, they are back.

After series of discussions with our webhosts, it was agreed that we upgrade to the latest OJS 3.1.1.4. This was achieved successfully last week, precisely on December 20th, 2018.

Some unique peculiarities of this particular version of OJS are:

1. OJS is installed locally and locally controlled.
2. Editors configure requirements, sections, review process, etc.
3. Online submission and management of all content.
4. Subscription module with delayed open access options.
5. Comprehensive indexing of content part of global system.
6. Reading Tools for content, based on field and editors' choice.
7. Email notification and commenting ability for readers.
8. Complete context-sensitive online Help support.

I will like to use this opportunity to thank authors, reviewers and readers of our articles who always stood by us as we manage these faceless "terrorists on the web".

We work harder in 2019 and hopefully, we will overcome, publish more and better articles and render higher service delivery than before.

Thanks for being a part of our success story.

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Table 1: Article statistics for Vol. 38, No. 1, January 2019

S/N		Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	TOTALS
1.	Number of Articles Received	29	23	21	18	81
2.	Number of Articles Accepted	13	6	11	4	33
3.	Number of Articles Published	11	6	10	4	31
4.	Number of Pages	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Number of Authors	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Number of Authors Affiliations	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Acceptance Rate (%)	49.3%	45.1%	45.2%	39.0%	44.63% (AVERAGE)
8.	Average Time of Article Review (months)	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.55 (AVERAGE)