

EDITORIAL

In Memoriam: Arnold V. Hallare, 1968–2021

Dr. Arnold V. Hallare, founding Editor-in-Chief of the *Philippine Journal for Health Research and Development*, passed away on 30 April 2021. Dr. Hallare's perseverance, resolve, and untiring effort was instrumental in shaping the journal from its inception in 2015 (as a successor to the *UP Manila Journal*) to fulfill the vision of a publication venue that is able to assume a “broader role in in health research advocacy and dissemination” [1] not only within the University of the Philippines Manila (UPM) but the nation at large.

Carefully and artfully balancing the editor's role towards authors, reviewers, and readers [2], Dr. Hallare was able to achieve the following results during his tenure:

- regular publication of 21 print and online issues with a total of 177 articles from 2015 to 2021;
- increase in manuscript submissions from non-UPM affiliated authors, constituting about a fourth of all papers published in 2020 (24%) and a third of papers published during the first issue of 2021 (38%);
- citation of at least a fifth (22%) of published papers by another publication based on Google Scholar data as of end of May 2021; and
- indexing of the journal in the Western Pacific Index Medicus (<http://wprim.org/>), ASEAN Citation Index (<https://asean-cites.org/index.html>), China National Knowledge Infrastructure (<http://www.cnki.com.cn/>), and the Health Research and Development Information Network Plus (<https://www.herdin.ph/>).

The papers included in the present issue were the last set of manuscripts that were editorially approved for publication by Dr. Hallare before his untimely passing.

We dedicate this issue of the *Philippine Journal for Health Research and Development* in memory of our founding editor.

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Editor-in-Chief

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