Editorial

OJS Training for Users

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The Ethiopian Journal of Social Sciences and Language Studies (EJSSLS) has already upgraded its publication process to OJS (open journal system) publishing system. "Open Journal Systems (*OJS*) is a journal management and publishing system that has been developed by the Public Knowledge Project … to expand and improve access to research" (*https://github.com/pkp/docker-ojs*). Its advantages surpass email attachment. For one thing, it can be installed and controlled locally; even the system enables creating and configuring a new journal. It facilitates 'online submission, double-blind review, and management of all content'; it also registers history of publications and generates summary of the content. It shows the stage of a manuscript in the review process; that is to say it depicts whether the manuscript is at submission stage, review stage, copy-editing stage or production stage. As a result, unlike to email attachments, users who submitted manuscript through the online system can follow up the stages of the review process. Further, it sends email notification for readers such as authors, reviewers, and editors. On top of that, by far it facilitates documentation problems related to email attachments and creating issues.

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However, using the system is not as easy as managing email attachments. From my little experience of using the system, I have witnessed that users prefer email attachment over OJS, not because they hate the system, but because they lack knowledge and skill on how to use or manage it. To benefit fully from the system, these users-- Site Administrator, editor-in-chief, managing editor, deputy editors, authors, and reviewers -- ought to take OJS management training. Therefore, it is the mandatory of Publication and Extension office of Jimma University to arrange subsequent trainings that equips users in general and the editor-in-chief and managing editor of EJSSLS in particular with sufficient "knowledge to understand and manage the manuscript tracking system and editorial steps, create an issue, establish the submission process, and manage their own *OJS* publishing" (*https://openjournalsystems.com › ojs-training*).

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