

## EDITORIAL

This is the first issue of the *Muslim Education Quarterly* after a period of five years. During these five years, we have been flooded with inquiries from both our readers and our authors. We owe each and every one of them an unreserved apology for our delay in publication and thank them for their dedication and understanding. Our authors in particular have displayed an admirable amount of patience, some of whom have waited too long to receive confirmation that their work has been accepted and to see it in print. The determination of our readers to demand a journal from us renewed our awareness of the journal's active readership and the urgent need to continue with its publication. *Muslim Education Quarterly* remains the only journal in the world to deal solely with matters relating to Muslim education, and as such is a rare and all the more necessary vehicle of debate on Muslim education across the academic world.

We decided to maintain the seriality of the journal, despite the gap of five years in order to assist readers with the sequence of publication. We will maintain the bi-annual nature of the journal at present, with the aim of returning to our original quarterly publication when possible.

The publication of *Muslim Education Quarterly* has been resumed under the auspices of Al-Bukhary Foundation, for which we are most grateful. Al-Bukhary Foundation leads numerous humanitarian projects in a variety of different countries, from Afghanistan, to Uganda, to Malaysia. Most recently, the Foundation has established a university in Malaysia, called Al-Bukhary Foundation University, and has initiated the Al-Bukhary Tuition Programme and Al-Bukhary Scholarships for poor students.

The Islamic Academy is also pleased to announce the academic links it has established with Persatuan Intelektual Muslim Malaysia (Association of Malaysian Muslim Intellectuals). As a result of this collaboration some conferences and lectures have already taken place, others have been organised and various research projects are underway.

We plan to expand locally, and also look forward to strengthening our international academic links to continue with our work on a global level. With this in mind, we are actively seeking to further our collaborative projects with other institutions.

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