

# Letter from the Editor

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**Dear Colleagues,**

Most of us are coming to accept that the Coronavirus pandemic is shaping our lives in profound and increasingly predictable ways. And, while there is hope there remains also despair in some parts of the world. Let us continue to support a better understanding of the psychosocial consequences and of the resilience arising from the pandemic through our research. We have a role in promoting better public mental health during such times by emphasizing the relationship between social injustice and poor mental health.

There are papers in the current volume of the Arab Journal of Psychiatry that examine experiences of anxiety, depression and coping in Oman, Algeria, Germany and among Arab university students in Israel. Substance use issues are considered in a study from Baghdad, which is a growing concern for the region that we hope can become the focus of further research to establish the most effective ways to address it.

As always, I express my full appreciation to all who contribute to the AJP whether regularly or occasionally and welcome those who have done so, in this volume, for the first time.

Sincerely,

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