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## Editorial

### Special Issue on Allied Health Sciences Postgraduate Colloquium 2025

The Allied Health Sciences Postgraduate Colloquium 2025 was successfully held on 11–12 June 2025 at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Kuantan Campus. Organized by the Office of the Deputy Dean of Postgraduate and Responsible Research & Innovation (DDPGRI) in collaboration with the KAHS Graduate Network (KGN), this year's colloquium carried the theme "Research, Communication and Beyond: Unlocking Postgraduate Potential." The event provided a vibrant and inclusive platform for postgraduate students to showcase their research, strengthen their academic skills, and explore the wider responsibilities of allied health professionals in society.

The colloquium featured a range of activities, including oral and poster presentations, a postgraduate forum, and an inspirational talk on mind and well-being, alongside recognition for outstanding scholarly contributions. More than an academic event, the colloquium created a supportive environment where postgraduate students could learn to communicate their findings effectively, engage in constructive dialogue, and gain confidence as future leaders in their respective fields.

This special issue of the International Journal of Allied Health Sciences (IJAHs) compiles the abstracts presented during the colloquium. The works included reflect the diversity and multidisciplinary nature of allied health sciences, covering areas such as rehabilitation and clinical practice, vision and eye care, communication disorders, autism and mental health, hearing and audiology, public health and nutrition, occupational and laboratory safety, pharmacology and drug discovery, as well as quality-of-life research. The abstracts highlight a spectrum of approaches—from experimental investigations and field studies to qualitative inquiries and conceptual frameworks—demonstrating the breadth of postgraduate contributions to knowledge and practice.

Several key messages emerge from this collection. First, the abstracts illustrate the importance of multidisciplinary approaches in understanding health and well-being, where clinical, social, behavioral, and scientific perspectives intersect. Second, the contributions showcase the creativity, commitment, and resilience of postgraduate researchers in addressing complex health-related challenges within their local communities and beyond. Finally, the compilation reaffirms the role of postgraduate training as a cornerstone in preparing allied health professionals not only as researchers but also as communicators, problem-solvers, and contributors to societal progress.

The editors and organizers wish to express their sincere appreciation to all presenters, supervisors, reviewers, and committee members for their invaluable contributions. Special gratitude is extended

to the postgraduate students who, through their hard work and dedication, embody the spirit of innovation and service that lies at the heart of allied health sciences.

It is hoped that this special issue will serve both as a record of the colloquium and as a source of inspiration for future postgraduate scholars. By publishing this collection of abstracts in IJAHS, we aim to give recognition to the excellent work presented, to encourage further interdisciplinary collaboration, and to motivate allied health researchers to continue advancing knowledge that benefits patients, communities, and society as a whole.

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