VIEWPOINTS, PERSPECTIVES OR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Introduction to section -

In line with international trends, the SAJEMS editorial board decided to introduce a section in the journal called: *Viewpoints, perspectives or letters to the editor*. We solicit submissions to this section that comprise novel concepts, ideas, or even a dialogue with either the editor or an author of an earlier paper either in SAJEMS or elsewhere. Controversial perspectives are even welcome, as long as they are presented in a constructive manner.

Submissions to this section are likely to be shorter than a conventional manuscript, varying from 1 page to approximately 2 500 words. Submissions, though not necessarily qualifying in terms of all the rigorous requirements of a fully fledged scientific contribution, will nonetheless have to be robust and well motivated, and should be of relevance to scientific discourse and humanity. We therefore see this section as an opportunity for senior scholars to provide insight into specific issues or ideas that are unlikely, or not ready, to take the form of a full scientific manuscript. We also see this as an opportunity for students and young scholars to share their research results from a less daunting (and belligerent) platform. Also, as is the case in this issue, we would like to see interesting information and research results, which could spark further discussions, based on a small sample survey. In this issue we publish a paper by Mr Jannie Rossouw of the South African Reserve Bank and part-time lecturer at the Department of Economics, University of Pretoria, and Mr Fanie Joubert, graduate student and lecturer in the same department, pertaining to the credibility of inflation measuring based on a survey among second-year economics students at the University of Pretoria. This research, though thorough and robust, reflects the views of too small a sample to be representative. We publish it as both the concept and the results are extremely interesting and worth sharing.

I would therefore wish to extend an invitation to all our readers to submit shorter, focused, robust and well-articulated views, perspectives, comments, letters or papers to this new section. Submissions to this section will not be externally reviewed. The editorial board will scrutinise submissions for their eligibility.

Yours truly,

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