Editorial

Quality Evaluation of Iranian Universities: A Necessity

The current year has been a glorious year in terms of the quality evaluation of universities because for the first time in Iran this process was carried out online. The authorities involved in this process are determined to update university rankings on a daily basis in near future. By clarification of the assessment and evaluation criteria, we can create a healthy competition between the national educational and research units and achieve a fair scoring system in this regard.

Diagram of the frequency of scientific articles in the previous year reveals that more than 13,000 articles have been published. Number of scientific faculty members of the universities has increased as well; but, the increase in the quality and quantity of published manuscripts has been greater than the quantitative increase in number of faculty members which per se indicates the improved productivity in this respect and this characteristic is evident in type I universities.

According to the statistics provided by the Essential Science Indicators (ESI), a scientific database, among type I universities, Shahid Beheshti Medical University has experienced a significant leap and the university professors, students, the public and health care beneficiaries will definitely benefit from the related advantages.