



Dawn of a New Decade: Looking Forward with BHTY

In 2020, *Blockchain in Healthcare Today (BHTY)* begins its third year of publication. We thank our global community of passionate leaders and early adopters for their support and diligence in making technology innovation in healthcare attainable for both the healthcare consumers who are the key stakeholders in patient-centered care and the broader healthcare system.

Blockchain in Healthcare Today (BHTY) is credited with establishing the first international, evidence-based academic journal—creating a sector that did not exist for healthcare-based blockchain technology. Our journal assists in gathering and accelerating rigorously vetted theoretical and experiential knowledge that is required for a growing sector.

During 2019, market makers and leaders were busy in conducting consequential research, as well as building alliances and pilots. We expect that many of these will reveal findings (both positive and negative) that will advance the discipline. And, candidly, we ask you (e.g., researchers, entrepreneurs, enterprise, government, and other organizations) to share these findings through submission, peer review, and publication in *BHTY*.

Academicians understand that new journals will be lacking in impact factor—an expression of viewer engagements, citations, and readership—compared with older journals. While we work toward this objective, *BHTY* ensures that all manuscripts are reviewed critically by experts on our editorial board prior to acceptance for publication and receive broad market exposure worldwide.

The market clamors for use cases or modeling innovations that advocate and respond clearly to both practical and regulatory expectations. Accordingly, we challenge our colleagues in the blockchain and healthcare communities to submit use cases throughout 2020 and meet this worldwide need.

Furthermore, authors are invited to submit original manuscripts, unpublished research, and defensible opinions on a broad spectrum of topics, including economic, legal, regulatory, and social impact issues relevant to blockchain and converging technologies in healthcare.

We are excited to share new journal features that enable us to “walk our talk.” To this end, *BHTY* continuously pushes the boundaries of technology and innovation in scholarly publication and ecosystem practices to bring

trust, transparency, and truth to authors, readers, and distinguished peer reviewers.

Today, knowledge transfers include using social media to communicate with colleagues and share information. It is not surprising then that journals and innovators are asked to show impact and share insights at lightning speed. To that end, we have added the *Altmetric* conversation badge to help authors extend the reach of their research along with a *citation badge*, which makes article feedback more transparent.

We have also added *ReviewerCredits* (i.e., certification of peer review and conference presentations) to reward peer reviewers along with *Editage*, which offers peer-review support, translation services, and manuscript editing that improve the global science communication process. And there is more; *BHTY* has partnered with collaborators to strengthen the validity of scholarly publishing and accelerate scaled research and development (R&D) and reproducibility with *ArtiFACTS.ai*, *Code Ocean*, *Orvium*, and *Publons*.

Over the course of our global growth, *BHTY* has garnered the endorsement of ATA and IEEE SA. In addition, *BHTY* collaborates with HIMSS,

and we are proud to launch a new peer-reviewed quarterly column written by members of the HIMSS Blockchain Task Force. The first in this series is contained in this volume. We hope our audience will find it as a valued educational feature.

We express our sincere thanks to our audience, peer reviewers, ambassadors, and stalwart authors for sharing their unique perspectives and experiences through *BHTY*. We look forward to the market using the *BHTY* evidence-based platform to share greater knowledge worldwide and continue to enhance validation and credibility of this sector.

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