

## **Guest Editorial Note: Introduction to the Special Issues of the IHEC 2020 Conference**

This Special Issue of 'Ulum Islamiyyah contains selected papers from the 4<sup>th</sup> USIM International Health Conference (IHEC 2020) held in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Medicine and Health Sciences (ICHMS). The conference was organised by the organising committee at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (FPSK, USIM), headed by Dr. Nor Eyzawiah Hassan, in collaboration with the Faculty of Dentistry, USIM as well as Universitas Jember (Indonesia), Universitas Airlangga (Indonesia), Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar (Indonesia), Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta (Indonesia), and University of San Carlos (Philippines) on 16 & 17 December 2020. The conference advisor was the Dean of FPSK, USIM, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shamsir Mohd Aris. Due to the present circumstances, this conference was held online for the very first time.

With the current global health issue in mind, the theme of the conference was aptly chosen to be 'Healthcare in Pandemic Era: "The New Norm". Leading national and regional experts across various clinical disciplines came together to address public health needs and share vital data and research findings as well as valuable experiences during the two-day online conference.

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