

but for the reasons best known to our Honorary Secretary, the meeting of the Past President, immediate Past President, President elect and office bearers of organising committee of the then conference and honorary secretary could not be held at Delhi. Now I think I will be able to do so during this year.

There is a great responsibility on our State branches to give more stress on the academic activities of the Association. Regular meeting of the Association should be held. Annual conference of State branches should be held and regular workshops should be arranged for the health management of patients suffering from skin diseases, sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

We have large number of enterprising postgraduates and they should be given a chance to show their skill. Now with the changing face of this speciality postgraduate students should be provided Fellowships to learn newer techniques for both diagnosis and treatment at different centres.

In the end I would like to thank all the members for electing me as President of our association and giving me a chance to serve our association.

Long live I A D V L

Jai Hind.

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It was indeed a great pleasure for me to take over charge as Chief editor of Indian Journal of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology. The finance of the journal was in a critical state and I had to start from itching. To tide over this crisis, our past presidents Dr. Jayakar Thomas, Dr. Kalyan Banerjee and present president Dr. Rishi Bhargava succeeded in getting donation of Rs 3 lakhs from M/S Fulford (India) Ltd. and with this amount we could revive the journal. Now we have decided to keep the amount collected as journal subscription from all life members as fixed deposit and utilise only the interest accrued from it for the running of the journal. By 4-5 years we will be self sufficient and need not even depend on advertisement from medical firms.

Now printing, editing and publishing of the journal are in stream line. But there are about 250 articles pending publication and we are trying our best to speed up the release of each issue. By June 2000 we will be upto date in publishing it.

Recently there is a huge hike in postal expense and for sending the journals alone to our members the postal expense is Rs.60000, which was only 20000 till a few weeks back. I request all members to think about some means to generate funds for the

journal. Can the state branches meet this postal expense? Many copies of journal are returned from postal department for want of correct address. I once again request all branch secretaries to send updated complete list of members of their state at the earliest.

The only criteria, the present editorial board has chosen to accept an article is quality of the article and not the individual who submits the script. So nobody should get annoyed when his/her article is not accepted, or sent for correction and resubmitting.

My sincere thanks to associate and assistant editors and postgraduates of Dept. of Dermatology and Venereology, Medical College, Calicut for their help in my editing and publishing of the journal. Valuable suggestions and guidances of Prof. Gurmohan Singh, immediate past editor of IJDVL are highly appreciated. We thank M/S Popular Offset Printers, Vatakara for their excellent printing and for their efforts to up-date in publishing each issue.

Sincerely,

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