

REPORT OF EDITOR, IJDVL FOR 1985

We have completed the second year of our editorship of the journal IJDVL, and I am happy to report a few more achievements. During this year, we have got our journal registered with the Registrar of Societies under its new name, the Indian Journal of Dermatology, Venerology and Leprology. This change in fact was due since 1976 when we changed the name of our journal from the Indian Journal of Dermatology and Venereology. We have also approached the publishers of *Excerpta Medica* and *Year Book* for properly abstracting the articles from our journal, but so far I have received no reply. During the current year, we have received a continuous stream of papers for CME on various topics and I had no difficulty on that score. More articles from any quarter are welcome but the review of literature must be complete with a special emphasis on literature from India. During the calendar year 1985, we received and processed 163 papers pertaining to original research and case reports, compared to 104 papers received in the previous year. The quality of papers has also improved, but still a large proportion of authors do not prepare their manuscripts properly which makes me spend a lot of my time and the journal money on postage. I wish to point out that I will have to charge the postage expenses from the authors if their manuscript has to be returned for want of IJDVL pattern. You will be surprised to note that I spent more than Rs. 1,700/- on postage alone during the last year. As regards the time table for publication of the journal, we have made up a few months delay, the July-August 1985 issue has been printed, and we are trying to become upto date as fast as possible. The delay is mainly because of the press, the scientific material even for the January-February 1986 issue is ready with me.

During the last year, I received several letters of appreciation and suggestions from our members. This has encouraged us a lot and the credit is due to all, the authors who have contributed papers, the reviewers who have promptly reviewed the papers, members of the editorial board, my co-editors and above all, some members who have helped in collecting more funds.

In the years to come, I plan to consolidate the section on Abstracts from Current Literature so that the current trends all over the world in our speciality are disseminated to all the readers especially when they do not have access to the international journals. I also wish to increase the size of the journal to accommodate the papers being received by us, and to change over to photoset printing to improve the quality of reproduction of the plates. We are however, restrained by the paucity of funds available to us. As is well known to every member, the journal is being highly subsidised for the members. Every member pays just Rs. 20/- for the journal which costs us Rs. 90 per year. Availability of advertisements for the journal is so erratic, that my colleagues Dr. N. C. Sethi and several of us are waging a constant war for securing advertisements. The response to our appeal for donations has been very poor. In the year 1984, one of my friends donated paper worth Rs. 3,000/-, and last year, one of our members donated Rs. 200/- for the journal. We also received a donation of Rs. 2,000/- from a pharmaceutical firm. We are thus in a tight situation, not only for bringing in the proposed improvements in the journal, but even for main-

taining the standards achieved so far. We therefore, propose the following :

- (1) The journal contribution from each member be raised to Rs. 40/- and the annual subscription to the association be raised to Rs. 70/-.
- (2) Every member must endeavour to procure advertisements for our journal in whatever way he thinks proper.
- (3) All members must make an all out effort to collect donations for the journal.

(4) Every member must ensure that their college library or other libraries subscribe to the journal regularly.

I will like to end by saying, that the journal belongs to all of us and a joint concerted effort is necessary to raise our standards further.

Thank you,

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