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Dignitaries on the dias and friends,

It is indeed my proud privilege to be here as President of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists to address you in this Annual conference.

My predecessors were illustrious and given direction to this association in different ways. I would try to come to your expectation in this coming year. Ours is a very big Association and our friends are present in all corners of this great country.

With the advent of AIDS there is a big responsibility individually as a member and collectively as an Association. There are both Government agencies like National AIDS Control Organisation and other non - Government organisation and aim of all these is to prevent the spread of AIDS and to give guidelines to the AIDS patients for better quality of life. As far as I know there is no involvement of our Association in this direction but I strongly feel that it should be there. Our members are involved in the treatment of Skin and Sexually Transmitted Diseases patients individually and are the key persons to be involved in the prevention of AIDS. There should be involvement of our Association also in the service of poor AIDS patients. We will be involving the Association in many ways.

1. Recent advances in the management and prevention of AIDS should be propagated to all members through our official Journal.
2. Association should be able to provide free medicines to the poor patients through medicine banks where life saving medicines

should be provided to the poor patients for opportunistic infections.

3. Regular work shop should be arranged by the State branches to teach preventive aspects to the physicians, para-medical staff, surgeons and other persons working in the hospital and coming with the AIDS patients.

M.D. courses in Dermatology, Dermato-Venereology, Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology are being conducted by various universities in different States and Union territories of India. There is a lot of discordance in the curriculum, duration of course, method of examination etc. There should be uniformity in the curriculum and pattern of examination. Medical Council of India has recently sent a circular to all Associations for uniformity in the standard of teaching of postgraduates and in the conduct of examination. We will try to do so in this year.

I.A.D.V.L. Textbook is a standard post-graduate Textbook for all postgraduate students doing M.D. in Dermatology, Dermato-Venereology. Our illustrious past Presidents including Prof. K. Siddappa, and Prof. Valia have taken great pains to bring out this book. Now this book is being updated by addition of some chapters and updating the others. All post-graduate students should have a copy of this book for their studies.

Accounts of international conference held at Delhi are still not settled. I tried during last year to get these accounts settled

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 update in publishing each issue.

Sincerely,

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