

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR IJDVL, 1988

The greatest achievement this year has been that we have *become up-to-date* so far as the printing of the journal is concerned. The November-December 1988 issue is already printed and is now in the process of distribution. The next issue is also ready, but has to wait for the components arising out of the annual conference.

The number of papers received this year has increased to 181, but we have also become increasingly strict as for the proper preparation of the manuscripts. I am sure, our authors will understand my limitations as for the time available to me and co-operate by planning their studies properly, keeping their manuscripts brief and relevant to the main theme of their study, reviewing the relevant literature thoroughly and strictly observing the IJDVL pattern. You must have observed that properly prepared manuscripts get published earlier than others. All authors are requested to read Instructions to the Authors printed in the January-February issue of every year, every time they write their manuscripts.

To help our authors for reviewing the Indian literature, Prof A K Bajaj has brought out the book *IJDVL Abstracts 1971-1980* which categorizes all the papers published in the Indian Journal of Dermatology Venereology and

Leprology during the decade, with complete references and abstracts. It is adequately low priced for you to purchase your individual copies and recommend the same to your college libraries.

The finances of the journal have been a bit better this year. Our experiment to sell *IJDVL greetings cards* on the same pattern as UNICEF cards has been quite successful. We have been able to sell nearly 10,000 cards and hope to save a substantial amount for the journal fund. I wish to record my thanks to the members of our association, pharmaceutical firms and others who have purchased and sold these cards during this year. I also hope, more people will add to this effort during the next year and purchase IJDVL cards rather than from any other source. Our cards are cheaper than the market rates, and are as beautiful.

I wish to remind once again that every member must consider that the journal belongs to him and he must contribute his best to the journal. Your suggestions and contributions for improving the journal are always welcome. But kindly avoid making personal attacks.

With best wishes during the new year.

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