

## Editorial

### Moving ahead

It is with some sense of trepidation that I have taken over the responsibility of the editor of our journal. What are the roles of an editor? He has to play several roles...friend, philosopher, guide, good cop, bad cop, critic, judge, jury and sometimes executioner. It is not a post that can be taken lightly. The one thing that must not happen at any cost is any loss of momentum in a well-oiled, smoothly running machine.

We have great plans for the journal, which will be revealed as we move along, and hopefully many of these will come to fruition. One of the immediate plans has realised. We are officially linked with Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (PRS) Global Open (GO), which is the GO section. After a very nice interaction with Dr. Rod Rohrich (Editor in Chief, PRS), this has been agreed upon. There will be links to IJPS articles on the PRS site and vice versa. Hopefully, this will stimulate greater interest all round on both sides. There will also be an excellent possibility of having our reviewers review articles for PRS. These are little things, but they all add up.

Brigadier P. S. Bhandari, and Dr. Dinesh Kadam have joined the team at IJPS as Deputy Editors and they bring with them enthusiasm and new energy. All of us will be available at all times for any assistance, including helping young authors improve papers with good science but

inadequate presentation. We will necessarily have to be tough, but fair, so as to keep the quality index high. We hope to see papers from all corners of the country, and the globe, as long as they maintain our high standard for articles. Most of the international advisory board members have confirmed their willingness to continue to assist us, and we have some new members as well.

As you know, IJPS is open access. We can save huge costs, in printing, and mailing by reducing the number of print copies. These savings can be used for several benefits.

- Additional issues of the journal.
- More articles per journal.
- More colour photographs, etc.

We also contribute to the environment by using less paper!

Hence all those who see this point of view, please write a mail to [editor@ijps.org](mailto:editor@ijps.org), specifically mentioning that you wish to stop receiving print copies of IJPS, and you would have already taken the first step to change. If there is no communication, the copy will be mailed to you as usual.

Hoping to have a long, successful association with our journal, I thank you for having placed your faith in me.

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