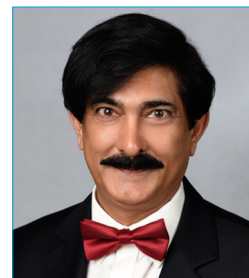


Editorial

A message from the new editor-in-chief



It is my honour and privilege to write this introductory editorial on my appointment as the new Editor-in-Chief of the World Journal of Nuclear Medicine. The WJNM was founded by our good friend Professor Ajit Kumar Padhy, a bold visionary in nuclear medicine who dedicated his life to promoting nuclear medicine and radionuclide therapy worldwide, but in particular, devoted his time and energy towards expanding and promoting nuclear medicine in the developing countries. Ajit's phenomenal zeal and energy and his unrelenting efforts in realizing the high standards and goals he set for himself are well known amongst his peers. His tragic and untimely demise left the nuclear medicine community and those close to him (he had many friends in nuclear medicine worldwide), reeling with a huge sense of loss, but after the initial shock was over, the community readily rallied to his cause, all the more determined to take his mission forward. At this juncture, Prof John Buscombe took on the rein of the WJNM and steered it further up the ladder of success with the result that the journal has become well-established as a niche nuclear medicine publication. With John's retirement, the helm of the journal has passed on to me by the World Association of Radionuclide and Molecular Therapy (WARMTH).

As the Editor-in-Chief of the WJNM, I shall collaborate with my editorial team and publishers for delivering a high-quality publication, and endeavour to enhance the journal visibility, impact factor and popularity. One of my primary future goals is to encourage the younger nuclear medicine generation colleagues to support the journal. I also hope to introduce new and short case publications formats and engage active and dynamic nuclear medicine professionals in the journal


publication. These various measures shall unravel in the near future.

I am aware of the mantle of Editorship and am mindful of the great confidence and responsibility entrusted to me not only to maintain the current high standards but to realize the shared vision and the ambition of my colleagues to ensure a place for the journal amongst one of the leading publications in nuclear medicine. In this endeavour, I would solicit the support of the WARMTH membership and indeed the nuclear medicine professionals worldwide.

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