The new Editorial Board has taken over the responsibility of IJS. We all the members of the new Editorial Board are grateful to the Chairman/Editor Dr Udwadia and his team for their excellent work in enhancing the scientific outlook of the journal and giving it a new shape. The efforts to index the journal have fetched the dividends and we are fortunate to add some move to index it soon. Dr Udwadia is a person who accepted challenge always and stood winner. I have a great faith in his quality of thoughts and vision which has uplifted the IJS. The new Editorial Board will get his guidance in future also.

Great man always leaves that foot prints behind to be followed by new generation. No other than late Dr. R. K. Gandhi can be forgotten, who had been the back bone and mentor of IJS for decades. I have admired his tenacity, objectives and perseverance to bring IJS in time with all odds. We all the members of the Editorial Board salute late Dr R. K. Gandhi and feel proud to follow his legacy.

Association of Surgeon of India (ASI) is the Institution in its self with glorious past headed by many stalwarts. The history will always remember their contribution. Indian Journal of Surgery is a part of ASI and is the official publication of ASI. Both are inseparable and responsible to each other. Editorial Board is autonomous but answerable to ASI. In future working in co-operation and understanding is necessary to bring IJS as per expectation of its members.

The financial part of the IJS has been interfering in its growth. The present Editorial Board is taking new measures to make Journal financially sound. I have received many letters of not getting IJS and assure every one to update the addresses and remove their grievances.

Scientific developments, particularly in surgical field are growing very fast. Basic research in genetics, molecular biology, biochemical, analysis, diagnostic methodology, non invasive procedures, biological pattern and environment in malignancies and many new procedures have taken the up stage. Accordingly the journal is to devote to all these aspects of surgical fields and make it a more comprehensive surgical journal.

ASI members should actually participate in IJS – Scientific endeavour and preserve the enormous surgical wealth they posses but unpublished. Your field experience in dealing with difficult problems under various strains, patient’s unusual presentations and surgical techniques which you adopt to give you confidence. The prevalence of some surgical disorders in your area in relations to environment can make a good presentation material.

Few of those sharing experience may become the topic of group protocol study at various centres under different programmes.

I wish you all a very happy prosperous and useful 2004 with the aim of serving humanity with dignity and surgical skill.

Satish Shukla
Editor/Chairman
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