Foreword

It gives me a sense of pride and privilege to address you in the capacity of the President, Staff Society, and express my thoughts through our esteemed journal. In the last few years the journal has gone from strength to strength and its contents as well as its contour are now praiseworthy. The overseas contributions have increased, which only indicates that the journal is reaching far and wide and is well read in the medical academic arena.

The classification of the contents is extremely thoughtful. Guest editorials give a message and reviews dilate on the issues, but what interests me most is the section of case reports. These are small by their volume and yet significant by their presence. Images in patho–radio–medicine infuse the much-needed enthusiasm in clinical presentations and establish their linkages with diagnostics.

What are my dreams in the years to come? Increasing readership, accelerated frequency of issues, voluminous contents, perfect book binding, high-quality production, multi-colored pages, and, above all, several contributions from young graduates and researchers. Let the journal offer them the much-needed scaffolding for their escalating careers. Let their writing skills blossom. Let their views and vistas find newer dimensions and reach greater heights. But all these will happen only when clinicians commit themselves to publications. I have grown up on the old adage – “Publish or Perish.” I now say – “If you are right, then you must write.”

Let technology evolve and let it offer us “palmtops” and “hand helds.”. Let the web expand and at the same time miniaturize itself to sit on the tip of our digits, but it should never ever substitute the good old habit of writing a publication. Indian traditional medicine existed since 5000 B.C. The vedas and shlokas were recited and passed on from generation to generation, but it was Egyptian medicine that had the prudence of documenting the teachings on papyrus. We are not only moving fast toward paperless hospitals and filmless imaging but we are also firmly claiming and asking for evidence-based medicine. The evidence will come only when we write and publish.

Therefore, dear colleagues, let us move toward paperless clinics and yet evolve the papyrus!

Oak S
Director (Medical Education and Major Hospitals) and President Staff Society,
Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital,
Parel, Mumbai, India.

Correspondence:
Sanjay Oak,
Email: sanjayoak@kem.edu
Website: www.sanjayoak.com