

**Adieu from the Editor's Desk**

The Association of Medical Biochemists of India (AMBI) has been in existence for more than three decades with a current membership of more than 3,500 medical biochemists. As per its resolution, the journal of the association was started more than two decades ago in Burdwan (West Bengal) with Dr Maity as its founder Editor-in-Chief. This platform enabled all its members to showcase their research work. The editorship was then taken over by Dr B Bhattacharya who, with his team, printed the journal twice a year from Tripura.

The task to nurture the seed of the *Indian Journal of Medical Biochemistry (IJMB)* was entrusted to me in 2015. Notwithstanding inexperience of editorship, I accepted the job basis my strong commitment to AMBI and determination to give my best. The task of publishing the journal was assigned to Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, New Delhi, a renowned publishing house. With advancements in technology, the processes of submission of manuscripts, assignment to reviewers and submission of review comments were made online. In keeping with the international norms, the paper quality and design of the journal was changed. All articles were provided with DOI numbers. After persistent efforts, it was finally indexed in Index Copernicus in 2018. This was the recognized indexing by the MCI at that time. We started receiving a large number of manuscripts as research articles and hence to accommodate them in 2019 we started bringing out the journal three times a year. This was a golden period for the journal. Since then, NMC changed the indexing guidelines due to which we have not been able to meet requirements for reasons beyond our control. But not to give up, we are in the process of trying to meet the requirements as soon as possible. I am in constant touch with our Publishers for this.

In the process of bringing out an issue, the major problem we face now is of plagiarism. The process of 'cut and paste' is so obvious and is the major reason for revisions or rejections. The growth of Artificial Intelligence will add to the issue of plagiarism in future. We get to know about this only after the manuscript is accepted, hence there is lot of wastage in terms of time, money and effort. I suggest that authors perform a plagiarism check online before submissions. Minor corrections of grammar and spelling also abound. I feel the mandatory condition laid down by the NMC for postgraduates to publish their thesis work before their final examination is a major contributing factor for this. A unique positive feature of IJMB is that it continues to be totally free. We do not take any publication charges as all costs incurred for the journal are borne by the Association. The articles are published post a peer review process. Hence, we face a tough competition from other journals who charge and are able to publish within days.

In my tenure as the Editor-in-Chief of IJMB I have tried my best to solve and highlight the issues on time for which I was assisted by my committed team of additional and assistant editors as well as other members. I wholeheartedly thank them all. I have been fortunate to be blessed by many seniors who gave me the liberty to take decisions in all matters related to the journal. I thank all the authors who are the soul of the journal. I thank each of the reviewers who have done a great job in the tight time frames provided to them.

I must thank the entire team of M/s Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd. who do commendable work and are always available to solve any problem online or offline. They support at all levels to get the issue published as per the schedule.

As I leave charge of Editor-in-Chief of IJMB, I wish that the seed sown some two decades ago which is now a full-grown tree continues to flourish and grow taller under new leadership.

Long live IJMB!

Long live AMBI!

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