

Editorial

I deem it a great privilege to have been assigned the task of serving as the Editor of the Annals of the National Academy of Medical Sciences, 2015. I thank the Council for the confidence that has been reposed in me. I am deeply conscious of the fact that I enter the footsteps of stalwarts like Col. Sangham Lal, Lt. Gen. C.C. Kapila, Dr. R.K. Sanyal, Dr. Somnath Roy and Dr. K.N. Sharma. Dr. J.N. Pande and Dr. Kusum Verma made significant contributions during the last ten years. In addition, I must acknowledge the contributions of Prof. J.S. Bajaj who initiated the concept of theme-related issues of the Annals like Non- alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, Diabetes Mellitus and Sleep Medicine. While themes were well chosen, the major effort was to provide opportunity to the specialists to publish their work and emphasize the current status of research in India. While doing so he only permitted himself to be called as Emeritus Editor. Likewise the present issue is on a theme which is novel and contemporary. With the approval of the Council, he planned present issue to show new areas of research not only in the progress of medicine but also in our conceptual visualization of progress of research in medical education. Prof. Bajaj convinced the Council the role of the Academy in encouraging development not only in the Technology of education but also of Technology in education. All the articles of this issue are related to one or other aspect of these challenges.

The present issue is based entirely on the conceptual planning, selection of material, formatting and reviewing all articles by the Emeritus Editor Prof. J.S. Bajaj ably assisted by Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Publication Advisor who has spared no efforts to maintain the standards of publication. The Annals of the National Academy of Medical Sciences is now having its new Editorial Office under the leadership of Emeritus Editor Prof. J.S. Bajaj at New Delhi with close collaboration and interaction with myself and Dr. Kuldeep Singh. The administrative office of the Annals will remain at its present location at New Delhi and the publication office shall be located in the NAMS Centre for Research in Medical Education at All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur under Dr. Kuldeep Singh who remains as Coordinator.

As promised, the second issue of the Annals will be on the subject of Regenerative Medicine and will contain papers presented at the NAMS Regional Symposium on Regenerative Medicine during NAMSCON, 2013 at AIIMS, Jodhpur. However, we seek your blessings and constructive criticism and relevant comments so that we improve the Annals over the years.

My role in this issue is of a collaborator under the able guidance of Emeritus Editor and I hope to be worthy of the confidence reposed in me by the Council of the National Academy of Medical Sciences.



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