

## Editor's desk



As I take over as Editor– In–Chief of JDE (Journal of Digestive Endoscopy) for next 5 years, I have a feeling of happiness blended with added responsibility. Starting a journal of its own was a dream of a few of us associated passionately with the society. Dr. S.A. Zargar came forwards and took the responsibility, with the support of Executive Council of SGEI. Initiating the journal was difficult, but continuing it was even more difficult. Main issues have been lack of professional expertise, absence of dedicated support staff and most importantly inadequate inflow of good articles. While endoscopists of our region are no less in their skills compared to the best in the world, there seems to be a reluctance or inhibition to publish their work particularly in the journal, which is in the phase of evolution. A journal can only be as good as its contents. I therefore, request all the members of SGEI to contribute their work to their own journal and take pride in it. We of course, continue to invite articles from other gastroenterologists of the world in general and our

geographical region in particular. Article can be in the form of reviews, original paper, case series, case reports, journal evaluation, endoscopic images etc.

While the new editorial board wishes to continue the good work done by previous editorial team, we intend to move forward. Our immediate aim for the next few months is to improve communication with our authors and reviewers, timely publication of journal and removing back-log. On a medium term, we want the journal to be indexed widely (including pub-med which is round the corner) and have better content with articles from both national and international arena. On a somewhat longer term, we would increase the frequency of publication from quarterly to alternate month and then every month. This will all be possible only by the support of members of our society as well as our guest authors and reviewers. It is proud privilege to include a review article by Jacques Deviere and his group in this issue.

Journal like ours, is an important milestone in the history of our society and I invite you all to be a part of this evolution.

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