

EDITORIAL

The 12th All India conference on Engineering materials and Equipment with special emphasis on Evaluation Testing of Materials, System and Problems of small scale Industrials, held successfully during 12th and 13th February 1983. The discussions were more lively in the second topic. It was pointed out by several speakers that major problems of our industries are rather political than technical. Utter absence of discipline and sheer brute force of numbers quite often dictate the terms. People in the profession had to suffer and yield to the circumstances. A horrible state indeed !

Coming to the affairs of journal which is the live string for communication with all our members, it may be mentioned that we are passing through a stage of extreme paucity of funds. Recently we have purchased a piece of land at salt lake to build up our own association building which is a long cherished dream of ours. We have almost exhausted our fund to purchase this land. We have to raise fund to fulfill our cherished goal. There are various ways one can imagine to raise funds. For example, we may run several professional courses, we may ask our benevolent members to donate some money, we may arrange for some charity show combined with a lucky draw or similar other avenues may be explored. All our respectable members ! We are calling upon you in this hours of need to fulfill our long cherished dream of building a home of our own.

It is also to be mentioned that the deliberations and disension in our 12th AICEME Conference was highly interesting and thought provoking. Several issues of national importance in connection with lacunae in standardisation of test specimens and introduction of sophisticated test methods were discussed. We would like to put on record our appreciation to all the speakers, delegates and participants who made this seminar interesting and useful.

We also extend our sincerest thanks to our collaborators, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India and National Test House, Alipur. We also appreciate the Industries and organisation who helped us us in various ways to make this conference a success.

Meanwhile, we must start thinking about the 13th AICEME. Members are requested to send their suggestions to the editor or secretary at an early date.

Another important matter we may like to state here, that due to unprecedanted rise in cost of all raw materials and labour charge for printing we would not be in a position to supply any free copies of reprints to the authors in future. Reprints will be priced as per number of copies requested at the galley proof correction stage Details of which are indicated else where. We feel our valued and learned authors will bear with us in this matter.