

Launching of Northern Journal of ISA (NJISA) - Small steps towards a big journey

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The field of Anaesthesiology has taken huge strides globally both in the field of academics and clinical practice. This has been largely made possible by the innovative researches, lateral thinking, clinical acumen and dissemination of revolutionary academic knowledge by many dedicated anaesthesiology researchers throughout the world. The developing nations including India have also seen sharp upsurges in the field of anaesthesia practice in the last 3-4 decades. Indian journal of Anaesthesia and the efforts of its various past and present editors have contributed immensely in erecting and stabilizing the anaesthesiologist's status in the current Indian Medical practice.

Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists association is working very hard ever since its inception in improving the specialty clinically, academically, socially and economically. It was way back in 1944, that the Anaesthesiologists attending a surgical conference at Mumbai thought of forming a common national platform for exchange of scientific views and sharing of knowledge. Taking the enthusiasm of the centenary celebrations of "Ether Anesthesia" in October 1946 forward, numerous untiring efforts of our fellow anaesthesiologists resulted in the birth of the Indian Society Anaesthesiologists on 30th December 1947.

With a humble beginning from 1947, the Indian Society Anaesthesiologists has continued to grow into one of the largest anesthesia societies in the world. Currently we have strength of around more than 21,000 ISA members, thus being the second largest society in the field of anaesthesiology after China. The society has not grown merely in numbers but many of our fellow colleagues have excelled academically and have contributed enormously to the research and development in the field of anaesthesiology. The research papers from many Indian institutes have been published in the international and national journals which had a huge impact in changing

and improving the anaesthesia practice over the last five decades.

India being a vast country with many academic institutions and medical universities, the amount of research done in our country has a very high volume. Presently, these academic practices and excellence are growing at a rapid pace in our nation. The research done in the field of anaesthesiology across India does not get enough space and representation in the Indian Journal of anaesthesiology due to paucity of space and resources. Around 685 manuscripts were submitted to IJA in 2015 out of which only 16 percent articles have been accepted till date.

The Indian Journal of Anaesthesia, the official journal of our society was published for the first time in July 1953. It was being published yearly till 1957, biannually after 1958, and quarterly after 1959. All the successive editors have tried to improve the publishing standards by giving the space to quality research articles so as to keep pace with ever changing anaesthesia practice. Again due to untiring efforts of our successive editors, IJA got indexed with PubMed and various other reputed indexing agencies. Soon, we are going to get the impact factor of our journal which is a matter of huge pride and speaks volume about the quality of publishing standards and the hard work of editors and reviewers.

In spite of the efforts of our editorial board to publish the best quality research work, many good research articles are left behind or their publishing is delayed due to economic and spatial constraints. Considering the growth of research academics and modernisation of anaesthesia practice in India, a continuous need was being felt to enlarge the publication base of IJA. Therefore, due to untiring efforts of our editors and help from the ISA, publishing of IJA has been made a monthly affair from 2015 onwards.

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However, even this attempt of starting monthly issue of IJA is only partially successful to cater to the ever increasing need of the growing academics. To give a wider space to our researchers, the Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists has made a humble and visionary attempt to start few other journals of similar quality. The main aim is to give some relief to our researchers as it will add more space where they can publish their work. Moreover, these efforts are going to ease the academic burden off the shoulders of our current editorial and review board.

The launching of Northern Journal of ISI (NJISA) is another milestone in the history of the Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists. We hope NJISA will bring smiles in the year 2016 on the faces of anaesthesiologists across India as we will get a wider platform to present and publish our clinical and research work. This is a moment of joy and excitement not only for us (as editorial team) but for the whole anesthesia fraternity of our country.

We feel privileged today to write the first editorial for the inaugural issue of NJISA. The journey has been a long and tough but definitely the fruits will be sweeter. There were innumerable obstacles and challenges which had to be overcome. We are grateful to the Dr. S. S. Harsoor President of ISA, Dr. Venkata Giri Hony Secretary ISA, Dr. S. Bala Bhaskar Editor In Chief IJA, and other Governing Council (GC) members especially the North Zone GC members whose immense support and guidance has made it possible to overcome all the obstacles. We do hope that along with hard work from the editorial team coupled with scientific contributions from anaesthesia fraternity across the country, NJISA will soon acquire the status of the best

journals in the field of Anaesthesiology, Critical care and Pain medicine.

NJISA aims to publish quality original studies, randomised control trials and meta-analysis along with informative correspondences. It is a matter of pride, in this endeavour, that we are associated with greats of anaesthesiology who are helping us, by sparing their precious time, as advisors and editorial board members. Although the journal has taken birth but it will be a long journey so as to establish its quality status in academic circles. With the blessings of our advisors and help from the editorial board, we will soon achieve the academic targets which have been already set before launching of this journal. We hope that this first issue will stimulate our colleagues to share their ideas or experiences on a national and international level. As editors we welcome all your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact us through our e-mail addresses editornzija@gmail.com.

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