

Announcement

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Indian Journal of Human Genetics is now in its 18th year. This journal belongs to the Indian Society of Human Genetics which has already completed its 39 years of existence. It may be reasonably argued that why a society which is 39-year-old is publishing its journal only for last 20 years? The reason for such discrepancy lies in the fact that the past presidents and office bearers of the society felt that time was not ripe in the initials years of existence of the society to regularly publish the journal. Rather, they concentrated on publishing small booklets from time to time containing small epidemiologic data and teaching manuals in various areas of human genetics. Hence, these years saw publications of booklets like “Growth Studies in India” by S. Bharthi and P. Bharthi, “Sickle Cell Anemia: Prevalence, Clinical Profile and Management” by S.L. Kate and I.C. Verma, and “Molecular Genetics of Hemoglobinopathies” by D. N. Singh.

In addition, regular contact with society members was kept through “News Bulletin” in the same way as in today’s electronic era “Community Genetics” experts are keeping contact through highly visible e-letters among its more than 1000 members. Regular journal started by the society by indefatigable Prof. J. S. Murthy from Hyderabad, India in 1992. It is unfortunate that

we lost him during the most productive period of his life. However, the journal was kept floating in its most financially and intellectually trying years by Prof. T. Padma and Dr. D. Mohanty from this institute as the successive editors. Meanwhile, time also changed and there was tremendous explosion of genetic research across the globe with burgeoning field of cytogenetics, population genetics, molecular biology, genomics, and so on. They were all supported by increase research funding by Government of India through its various agencies and availability of high-quality instrument and reagents to study human genetics in all its colors across the country and across the globe.

Explosion and availability of research technology was coupled with editors guild, e-publishing, and globalization of both research and publication process. Medknow as an Indian publishing home brought many new ways of helping the editors of various medical journals who were fighting hard to keep their journals afloat. Subsequent tie up of this publishing house with internationally well-known Wolters Kluwer has now given new strength to your journal. Your journal is now not only indexed with many indexing agencies including PubMed but also has been receiving many articles for publication from across the globe. This has necessitated an increase in the number of issues of the journal. This year your Indian Journal of Human Genetics will become a quarterly journal with four issues in a year.

Please submit as many articles as possible to this journal, so that its impact among scientific communities rises fast and you can proudly say this is my journal.

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