

## Editorial

### *From Editor's Desk*

### **History of Journal of the Anatomical Society of India**

*"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants"*  
—Sir Isaac Newton (1643–1727)

Anatomy is one of the oldest and most important of all medical sciences. Anatomy is no longer confined to the isolated observations and descriptions of structures of body but also expanded to provide the basis of medical and surgical practice. The development of anatomy as a science extends from the earliest examinations of dead bodies by inspection and dissection in the Pre-Vedic period to the sophisticated analyses of the body's molecular biology in the 20th century. Now, without the knowledge of Anatomy, the diagnosis and treatment of diseases is inconceivable and hence Anatomy is regarded as the **Mother of Modern Medicine**.

Lack of uniformity in the standards of teaching anatomy in different institutions of India gave the impetus to start a common platform to discuss and decide the academic aspects. Thus was born "The Anatomical Society of India"—ASI on 20th May 1951. It was ceremonially inaugurated in the Medical College of Calcutta, where Dr. A.A. Ayer of Madras was elected as its first president. The main objective of the society was the advancement in teaching and research in Anatomy in India. It was also decided to bring out a journal under the aegis of the society. "The Journal of the Anatomical Society of India"—JASI, which began as a humble publication, has now metamorphosed into an indexed journal, catering to the needs of about 25000 anatomists all over the world.

It will not be out of place to remember and acknowledge the efforts of previous editors, viz. Dr. Hiren Chatterji, Calcutta (1951–1953); Dr. L.W. Chacko, New Delhi (1954–1956); Dr. Inderjit Diwan, Chandigarh (1957–1960); Dr. H.C. Verma, Allahabad (1961–1968); Dr. P.C. Bansal, Aurangabad (1969–1977); Dr. A.M. Vare, Aurangabad (1978–1983); Dr. A. Krishnamurti, Chennai (1984–1986); Dr. R.K. Jain, Bhopal (1987–89); Dr. G.S. Longia, Jhansi (1990–1995); Dr. Daisy Sahni, Chandigarh (1996–1997); Dr. M.P. Singh, Bhopal (1998–1999); Dr. V.V. Gopichand Patnaik, Amritsar (2000–2003); Dr. S.L. Jethani, Dehradun (2004–2009); and Dr. Satyam Khare, Meerut (2010–2012).

In the Diamond Jubilee National Conference of the Anatomical Society of India, held at Bhubaneswar in 2012, the executive committee of ASI felt the need for upliftment and upgradation of the journal to a global repute and widen its scope to cater the needs of health professionals all over the world. Accordingly, the executive committee of ASI unanimously passed a resolution that the journal should be published by a reputed International agency and the post of Editor should be redesignated as Editor-in-Chief. The Editor-in-Chief was entitled to have Section Editors from India and abroad, if he feels the need. I was fortunate enough to be elected as the Editor-in-Chief of JASI, in the Diamond Jubilee year of ASI. I accepted the big challenge ahead and with great effort and support of Dr. S.D. Joshi, Dr. G.S. Longia, and Dr. A.K. Srivastava could materialize the contract between the ASI and The Elsevier, the world's leading publisher and information provider in the field of Health Sciences. I could also convince some of the anatomists of International repute from other countries to become the Section Editors/Members of Editorial Board. Here I would also like to highlight some of the new Editorial Policies; the manuscripts will be considered for publication based on their scientific merit, originality, clinical significance, validity of the material presented and readability. The submitted manuscripts will be reviewed by two or more referees who will determine, on the basis of the MRS (Manuscript Rating Score), the publishing prospects of the article. The abstracts of the papers/posters presented in the National conferences will be published in the proceedings of ASI, in JASI (online) only if they are in the structured form.

In the last, as Editor-in-Chief, I assure all the members of ASI that I will try my best to fulfill the goals of the society. I am confident that, with the hard work and dedication of my young and dynamic team of associate editors, Dr. Ruchira Sethi, Dr. Poonam Kharb, and Dr. Gaurav Singh, and expertise of senior members of Editorial Board, I will be able to do the job at hand to the satisfaction of the most of the members of the ASI. I feel that The Diamond Jubilee year of ASI will prove to be a landmark in the history of Journal of the Anatomical Society of India.

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