It is my pleasure to write the Inaugural Editorial column. The idea of an International Journal of Scientific Study (IJSS) has been germinating for over two years and finally the idea has come to fruition. The Medical Student Association of India (MSA-India) is grateful to Dr. Swapnil S. Bumb for making this Journal a reality. The Editorial Board is represented by members of MSA-India with support and contributions from International Federation of Medical Students’ Association (IFMSA). This shows major projects can be realized when different sectors work collaboratively. In time, the IJSS will become a recognized forum for learning and exchange of ideas by and for medical professionals not only in India, but throughout the globe.

An important decision made by the Editorial Board prior to launch was that the journal must be for the many and not just for a few who are engaged in clinical research. All of us, whether we are doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dentists or in any other field of health care, must take a greater responsibility for managing and solving the many unique health issues and problems that we face in our region. We must engage in research and voice our opinions by publishing them in this, our local journal. To ensure wide readership, the journal will carry a variety of articles of general interest, as well as scientific articles, based on topics relevant to our region. Articles in the following categories are welcome: Editorials, Letter to Editor, Major and Minor Reviews, Original Research, Notable Clinical Cases, Lessons from Practice, Diagnostic Dilemma, Viewpoint, Opinion, Hypothesis, Medico-Legal issues, Topic for Debate, Clinical Ethics, etc.

I encourage the new generation of health professionals to create and publish new research data in this journal and adopt critical thinking habits to address our health problems. This journal will encourage international research collaborations that result in joint publications of high international standards. Finally I want to thank Editorial Board for their tireless contributions and efforts to make IJSS a reality. Thanks also to our Advisory and Reviewers, both national and international, who provided invaluable advice and peer review to ensure substandard articles were revised appropriately or in some cases rejected. This is a major milestone for us and I encourage all my colleagues in the health care sector to embrace and support this journal. The continuing success of this journal should give us a sense of pride and achievement.

Thanking You,

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