

## **JOURNEY TILL NOW AND FUTURE AHEAD**

*The Orthopaedic Journal of M P Chapter started in the early 1980's with Dr. P.K. Rai as the first editor. He was very much enthusiastic about it and the journal was being published twice a year at times. Dr. P.K. Rai as Editor published the journal till volume 7 and this was the era when I was doing my MBBS and then MS Orthopaedics. I joined Govt. Medical College Jabalpur in the late 1997 when Dr. H.K.T. Raza was the editor of the journal. Dr. Raza is a man of principle. He wanted that the journal should have quality articles and they should be submitted by enthusiasm and not repeated requests. In his tenure he published volume 8 and volume 9 as single journals in 1998 and 1999. He had taken special permission from the executive body of IOA MP Chapter to co-opt me as a member of the editorial board in 1999 and that was my first entry to this journal. The computer man, printer, basic structure of the journal then has been preserved all over the years till now. These were days when the journal had to generate its own income for getting printed.*

*I was elected as editor in the year 1999-2000 for 3 years when I published the journal volume 10 and 11 and then during the the journal got a special permission that if the journal can be printed by the efforts of the editor at least once then the association will pay for the second issue of the year. This continued till volume 12 when I was re-elected for the second term of 3 years and published volume 13, 14, 15 with 2 issue each year. This was heavy work and my whole time, energy and sponcerships were going in publishing the journal and writing letters to all members and HOD of various medical colleges to send quality articles for publication. Most of my own quality work and researches used to go to this journal in an effort to get it printed and the support I received in these times used to come from Hon. Secretary of the association DrUmeshBatra and Dr. Sanjeev Gaur. I wanted to come out to a bigger journal now and in 2006-2007 was nominated as Editor for Volume 16 No 1 and 2 for the 7th consecutive year and during all these years I did justice to my job. After me for the years 2007, 8 and 9, Dr. Sunil Rajan was elected as editor from medical college Indore. He used to be very busy in patient care and research and in his duration tried to take out 2 journals as volume 17 and 18 whereas the succeeding editor Dr. A Mukherjee for the years 2010,11 and 12 due to personal reasons could not print any journal. Meanwhile I was elected as Honorary secretary of IOA MP Chapter for 3 years and these were the years when the journal was tring to sustain itself.*

*Finally I was re-nominated as Editor in the year 2012 for 3 years when I was given the task to start some indexing activities. The journal got its ISSN no. for print edition in 2013 when I submitted all the journals with me from vol 8 no 1 to vol 18 including my personal copies to ISSN no Centre National Library New Delhi. This is the time when I registered the journal for Index Copernicus also. Late Prof. Dr. Neeraj Sharma the official website master used to put the PDF of the journal on its website. We tried to get an e-ISSN but the requisite was to have a website with hyperlink to all articles which could not materialize. I have taken out Volume 19, 20 and 21 no 1 and 2 all with print ISSN and finally the Journal is indexed with Index Copernicus master list 2014 with an Index Copernicus value of 37.91. Meanwhile the Medical council of India has made it mandatory to have publications in print journals with indexing in any of the following Pubmed, Index Medicus, Medline, Scopus and Index Copernicus etc .and now the task becomes more difficult and technical.*

*The time has come when the journal should have its own website , peer review system, online article submission system and facility for hyperlinks to all published articles with e-issn also. It has to be indexed with the recommended indexing agencies and I know future efforts in these directions will keep all legally safe and increase the level of academics in the state. I wish you all success in this 10th year of my editorship and know you will adopt this path of dedication for future generations.*

Yours truly

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