

Editorial

International Journal of Phonosurgery and Laryngology (IJOPL) was started with the aim of propagating knowledge of laryngeal diseases to the ENT fraternity at large. There are several journals dedicated to voice; hence our decision to not be confined to voice and speech alone.

Association of Phonosurgeons of India (APSI), for which IJOPL is the official organ, was started about 10 years ago. It has come up from scratch to its present status. Initiated by a small group of laryngeal enthusiasts led by V Phaniendra Kumar of Guntur, the mastermind behind the association, several laryngologists gradually joined. He has been the driving force behind the activities of the association. Ably supported by Jayakumar (Thiruvananthapuram), KK Handa (New Delhi) and Nupur Kapoor Nerurkar (Mumbai), all dedicated laryngologists, the association has grown from strength to strength. At present, we can boast of more than 500 active members all over the country. Many of them are invited to a number of international workshops and conferences.



Association of phonosurgeons of India conducts an annual conference along with several workshops by the members. The next one will be in Mumbai in February 2016. Going a step ahead, we are organizing the World Phonosurgery Conference next year at New Delhi (January 2017) along with International Phonosurgeons Association.

Coming back to IJOPL, we thought about publishing the journal about 5 years back. Initially, we had serious doubts about the financial sustainability as also the content and quality of the articles. The responsibility of starting the journal was thrust on me as I had some experience. I looked around for a publisher as the fledgling APSI in its infancy could not start or sustain a journal on its own. M/s Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd., a leader in publishing medical journals, came forward to co-publish the journal and the rest is history! We took the plunge with two issues per year, ensuring sufficient quality of articles which are peer-reviewed before publishing. Several invited articles were also sought and published by eminent international laryngologists who were invited to be on the International Advisory Board. Unnikrishnan joined me about years ago and did a very commendable job sparing his valuable time.

I will be remitting the office of editor-in-chief with this issue and a new editor will take over giving way to new thoughts and ideas. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure. My sincere thanks to the team at Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd. who has been very cooperative and patient. I also take this opportunity to record my gratitude to the APSI for the honor, they bestowed on me for the journal. It is not an easy job to start a journal and sustain it. I am glad we could do that with the help of all the members and readers. Thanks to Unnikrishnan who made my life, as editor, easy.

Many thanks to all of you
Long live APSI and IJOPL

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