

## Editorial

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### From the editor-in-chief's desk

It is a great pleasure to release this latest issue of IJHBT. Our journal has already started 2015 on clearing nearly all the backlog articles that had accumulated since 2010. This was done with the help of a large online-only issue of case reports in addition to two mega-issues. I had been contemplating this step since taking over as the Editor-in-Chief, but must acknowledge that it would not have been possible without the active support of the Executive Committee of the ISHBT who ratified the bold decision, the Organizing Committee of the Haematocon 2014—Hyderabad who bore expenses for publishing the Conference Proceedings and Abstracts issue.

There have been other changes in the journal as well. To expedite functioning, the number of Associate Editors of the IJHBT has been increased to sixteen in December 2014. The board is now staffed by well-regarded doyens as well as enthusiastic younger members. They all contribute immensely to the journal and represent a broad range of experiences, sub-specializations and work-settings. The Editorial Board is working extremely hard to reduce the turn-around time for the first decision on a manuscript along with the time-lag between the acceptance of a paper and its appearance online. A rigorous plagiarism check

system is also being put in place. For the first time, to acknowledge the tireless efforts that are put in by our reviewers, we honored three of them at the Annual Conference at Hyderabad by a Best Reviewer Award that will become an annual feature.

Hopefully this year the impact factor of the IJHBT will climb higher and we will move closer to our goal of becoming an authoritative scientific voice. To ensure our success in this competitive environment, we need to enhance the quality of our articles, mainly by increasing the proportion of original research papers. Doing so will also increase the number of citations generated for the journal's articles. In this sense, to promote the journal I would request the members of the ISHBT and the entire Indian hematology community to submit their valuable research to the journal. Your contributions in terms of reviewing papers in a timely, thorough and fair manner are also solicited.

I would like to end by reiterating that this is our journal, and we all need to work together to enhance its status and ultimately the status of our specialty in India and abroad.

With best wishes to everyone.

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