The succession:

(The coming of a person or thing after another in order)

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The Indian Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery has had a fantastic journey in the past 12 years. From being obscure, it has now become a force to reckon with in the international cardiovascular publication scene.

In this arduous journey the “Journal” has 1) become a quarterly 2) has an Indian and International edition 3) is available on the web 4) is archived 5) is self sufficient 6) is contemporary with online manuscript processing 7) is generating a revenue for the Association 8) is one of the most positive activities of the Association 9) is a source of communication, and I believe 10) it has enhanced the prestige of the Association. All of these took enormous time and effort of a team that worked relentlessly to achieve these goals.

There is a great desire from the members to have the journal indexed in Index Medicus. However, the Editor has little or no role in achieving this goal. It is the members, who should take pride, generate good original articles and submit them for publication. At each conference or

executive meeting the Association has solicited co-operation from its members to convert conference abstracts to meaningful original articles. It is my hope that my successor will be able to attract a large number of good manuscripts to achieve the goal of Indexing. Currently the journal is indexed in “Indmed” and “Index Copernicus”. The application is pending with the NHLBI. Let us hope this final hurdle will be overcome as I pass on the Baton.

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