Foreword

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It is a matter of great pleasure for me to inform Fellows and Members of The National Academy of Sciences, India that the Academy, henceforth, will be publishing all its journals through Springer. This will enhance the prestige as well as increase the visibility and readership of the journals of the Academy. I am glad to note that the Editorial Board of Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences (Section A), Physical Sciences decided to make its First Issue under the new arrangement as a special event and this issue has been focused on “emerging energy technologies” with the help of Guest Editors (Amreesh Chandra, IIT, Kharagpur; John R Varcoe, University of Surrey, UK and S. Chandra, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi).

We thank the three Guest Editors for skillfully selecting the articles and assisting our journal to bring out a useful

Issue on Energy related research. Special thanks are to all the authors without whose co-operation the publication of the special issue would have not been possible. I also thank Council Members of the Academy to encourage and support this effort. Guidance from the Members of the Board of Editors is also gratefully acknowledged. Finally I wish to thank Mr. Sujeet Kumar Chaurasia for helping in the preparation of properly formatted version of this Issue.

I hope that the readers will find this issue interesting. I urge upon Fellows and Members of the Academy and respected global scientific community to support the journal by sending their research papers for publication in the journal. I assure you that the Academy would do its best in supporting all the efforts meant for continuous improvement of this journal.

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