FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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“Nothing endures but change.”

Heraclitus, Greek philosopher (580 BC – 480 BC)

The Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology of India has been an important part of my life. It was a privilege to have been the Editor of our prestigious Journal for the past three years. The journey of these three years is a continuation of an ever fruitful association of the last thirty-two years. The Editor's job is a hard one. There are deadlines to meet, articles to select and edit and to look after the overall wellbeing of the Journal. The FOGSI Presidents over the last three years (Drs Pankaj Desai, Narendra Malhotra, C N Purandare and Sanjay Gupte) and their office bearers have been important supports for the smooth functioning of the Journal. The Journal is a collaborative effort of the members of the Editorial Board who have worked diligently and with dedication, while the Journal Committee was very supportive and gave valuable guidance. A number of friends and well-wishers have been helpful and though I would enjoy mentioning them individually, limitations of space prevent me from doing so.

Over the last three years, the Journal has many new features, including a new cover and an internationally formatted page layout. Another new feature was a column called Milestones. This is a pictorial biography of events and personalities which have influenced clinical practice over the years. The Journal team has worked on increasing the active participation of each and every member of the FOGSI with the Journal. The youngsters are being encouraged through the Project for Inculcating the Culture of Scientific Enquiry and Pursuit (PICSEP) and National Congresses on Research Methodology and scientific writing are being organized. The peer review process is streamlined and the focus is on encouraging multispeciality and subspeciality input. The submissions to the Journal have risen and the rejection rate is 45%. To improve the quality of papers, the JOGI Erach Rustom Irani prizes have been instituted. The Journal is marching towards indexation and significant progress has been made. I am proud to announce that we have joined hands with Springer International from 15th July, 2009 to bring out the International version of the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology of India. With this link with Springer, our visibility internationally will markedly increase in the soft version as well as in print. The Journal is a self-sufficient and a revenue-generating organ through the flow of income from advertisements and sponsorships.

The passage of time is ever so fleeting. As I complete my tenure as Editor, I am filled with wonderful memories, satisfaction on the work that has been done and my sights firmly on the horizons for new ways in which I can serve the Journal. I take this opportunity to welcome the new Editor, Dr CN Purandare. It is a pleasure to know that I will be passing the baton and the mantle of leading the Journal to him. He is a capable academician and clinician and I am sure he will take the Journal beyond where it stands today.

Last but not the least, I would like to thank the readers of this Journal, the FOGSI members. The grind of producing a journal issue is worth the effort when a letter or a comment (by email, snail mail, SMS, a status update or a tweet) from a reader acknowledges the articles that we have been able to bring across to him. I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the season and a wonderful and prosperous year ahead.