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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

WHO estimates reveal that if people living in the developing nations were to get clean water, it will bring down the mortality by two million people per year and incidence of infectious diseases will decline significantly. In our country not only the quality of drinking water but also sewage disposal have improved; significant advances have also been made in the anti microbial treatment, yet infectious disease mortality remains high: 2.2 billion death occur due to diarrhoea; 0.5 to 3.0 million due to malaria; 2 million from tuberculosis and 0.6 to 1.0 million due to typhoid fever. There is a need to assess the problem in detail and formulate guidelines; so as to curtail the morbidity and mortality from such infection. Hence a need was felt to bring out the special issue on **"Emerging Infections- Indian Perspective."**

I extend my sincere thanks to Dr. Chand Wattal, Chairman, Department of Microbiology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, India, for readily agreeing to my request. Dr. Wattal is an eminent microbiologist of National and International fame and is actively involved in designing infection control strategies at National level. The present issue is virtually a medical bonanza; giving an excellent overview of commonly encountered infections in our country. Readers of JIMSA will appreciate that a commendable taste has been achieved; I sincerely thank Dr. Wattal and other contributors to this special issue.

I am grateful to the members of the Editorial/Advisory boards for their help and suggestions; financial help extended by CSIR and pharmaceutical firms is duly acknowledged.

P. D. Gulati

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- Rank 2. Guidelines for Managing Minor Head Injuries.** Amin Tabish, N.A.Lone, M.A. Wani; Abdus Salam; JIMSA 2009 Vol. 22 No. 2 Pg 81.
- Rank 3. Three Months Comparative Study of Efficacy and Safety of Metformin Plus Glibenclamide Versus Rosiglitazone Plus Glibenclamide in the Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus.** S. Sarkar, K.K. Rao. S. Chatterjee ; JIMSA 2009 Vol. 22 No. 4 Pg 187.

Each award consists of a medal, citation and cash prize: the awardee is required to preferably receive the award at the forthcoming IMSACON 2010 on 10th and 11th September at Royal Society of Medicine, London, U.K. (contact urgently **Dr. Kamlesh Chopra**, Secretary General, IMSA, WHQ, New Delhi). In case he or she is unable to attend IMSACON 2010, he/she should intimate the editor JIMSA, accordingly.

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