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## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

*JIMSA has completed 24 years of existence full of challenges and achievements. The year 2012 marks the beginning of the silver jubilee year of the journal; as such cover page has been redesigned & some minor changes have been made to give a new look to the journal. This issue contains an overview of the milestones of growth of JIMSA over the years, in the hope that it will serve as an incentive for the readers to focus their thoughts on further improvements in the journal. It is a matter of pride for all of us that our journal has been indexed in "IndMED – the largest National Database."*

*The present issue focuses on a very common disorder-“Constipation” which is a chronic problem all over the world and poses a significant health care challenge especially in the elderly. Based on factors such as definitive diagnostic test, demographic factors and sampling methods, Western surveys reveal its prevalence between 1% to 20%, in community dwellers and 50% in institutionalized elderly population. This special issue on “Constipation: Emerging Horizons, Part-I” compiled and edited by Dr. Brij B. Aggarwal, brilliantly describe full range of etiologies, newer diagnostic and treatment options available to tackle this common malady. It clearly brings out the fact that identifying patients who are likely to benefit from specialized diagnostic evaluation and timely intervention by a gastrointestinal specialist, saves the patient from physical and economic burden.*

*I am extremely grateful to Dr. Brij B. Aggarwal for all the efforts put in by him. This is Part-I issue, second Part will follow later; I am confident that this issue will emerge as a unique monograph.*

**P. D. Gulati**

### **JIMSA BEST PUBLISHED ARTICLE AWARDS 2011- DECLARED**

The following articles have been selected for the “JIMSA Best Published Article Awards – 2011” as per ranking given below:

**Rank 1: Placental Vasculosyncytial Membrane in Tobacco exposed Indian Mothers: A Quantitative and ultra structural Study.** G. Rath, S. Roy, U. Goyal, A. K. Jain, A. Mukerjee

**Rank 2: Breast Cancer Risk Factor Profile in Indian Women.** Navneet Kaur, Amit Attam, Sudipta Saha, S. K. Bhargava.

**Rank 3: Surgical Treatment of Haemorrhoids with Stapler Haemorrhoidopexy: Our Experience.** Sarabjit Singh, Arun Tayal, Vineet Kaur.

Each award consists of a medal, citation and cash prize: the awardee is required to preferably receive the award at the forthcoming IMSACON 2012 on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October at Gulf Medical University, Ajman, UAE.

(Contact urgently Dr R K Thukral, Secretary General, IMSA, WHQ, New Delhi). In case he or she is unable to attend IMSACON 2012, he/she should intimate the editor JIMSA, accordingly.

**Editor**