



# JIMSA

JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCIENCES ACADEMY

July - September 2013  
Vol. 26 No. 3

## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

*Constipation is a chronic condition, especially amongst the elderly, in whom it can be a significant health problem. Depending upon various factors, diagnostic evaluation, demographic profile, various constipation surveys show a prevalence of between 1% and more than 20% in the western population. The prevalence amongst the elderly may be 20 % in the community dwelling individuals and 50% of the institutionalised elderly persons.*

*The present issue is the 'Second Part' of the series on "Constipation : New Horizons", brilliantly compiled and edited by Dr. Brij Bhushan Agarwal, a renowned Laparoscopic Consultant at GRIPMER, New Delhi, India. This issue amply highlights that a gold standard approach is feasible for regions and countries, where a full range of diagnostic tests and medical treatment options are available for all types of constipation. Gastrointestinal specialist's help should always be sought for indentifying patients who are likely to benefit from detailed diagnostic assessment and advanced treatment. I am extremely grateful to Dr. Brij Bhushan Agarwal and other contributors for bringing out this excellent monogram. I am confident the readers will find the contents useful and interesting.*

**P. D. Gulati**

### **JIMSA BEST PUBLISHED ARTICLE AWARDS 2013- Announcement**

*Journal of International Medical Sciences Academy has instituted award for **three (3)** best original articles published during the previous 3 years; **guidelines** are as below:*

- (1) **Original articles** belonging to any discipline of medicine published in JIMSA during the previous one year.
- (2) Number of awards: Three (3) annually, carrying a gold plated medal, citation and cash prize (**1st: Rs. 5000/-, 2nd: Rs. 3000/-, 3rd: Rs. 2000/-**)
- (3) Awardee should preferably be a fellow/member of IMSA; non-fellows/ non members can also be considered for the award if the original work is outstanding; and if selected for the award will be required to apply for fellowship/membership of IMSA.
- (4) Awardees should preferably plan to receive the award at the forthcoming annual **IMSACON 2014.**

**Editor**