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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear colleagues

The speciality of Urology has evolved into a less surgical and more cognitive discipline. Indeed, much of Urology that is practised today involves non-or mini-operative patient care. This is specially true of Urolithiasis which is a third common kidney disease encountered in clinical practice. Technological advancements have, perhaps, brought the biggest benefit to the field of Urology by way of prompt diagnosis, recognition of risk factors, early therapeutic intervention, effective preventive strategies and aggressive management wherever necessary. These have led to least morbidity in kidney stone disease. India has a high incidence of kidney stones, specially in states of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat (*Stone belt*): data regarding prevalence in population are not available; however, in a tertiary care urological centre, renal stones account for more than 40% of all admissions.

This special issue on "**Urolithiasis: Current Perspective**" has been compiled and edited by **Prof. N.P.Singh** who is the head of Nephrology section at Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. He deserves full appreciation and felicitation for an excellent planning, selecting experts for the topics and editing the various articles so as to make this issue into a comprehensive monogram. I, heartily, congratulate Dr.N.P.Singh for accomplishing this gigantic task. I am confident, the readers of JIMSA will benefit from this publication and will most certainly like to keep a copy for their personal reference. I take this opportunity to personally thank Prof.N.P.Singh and his team members for their valuable contributions.

I must acknowledge, with gratitude, the financial assistance provided by various pharmaceutical firms without which this publication would not have been possible.

P. D. Gulati

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The following articles have been selected for the "**JIMSA Best Published Article Award 2008**" as per ranking given below:

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2nd Best Article Award : "**MRI Changes in Compressive Myelopathy in Fluorosis – Study of 18 cases from North West India**". *Ashok Panagariya , Ravindra Singh, Paresh Sukhani, Bhawna Sharma.*

3rd Best Article Award : "**Preoperative Evaluation of Colorectal Carcinoma by Computed Tomography**" *Rajul Rastogi , Satish Kumar Bhargava, Satish Kachhawa.*

Each award consists of a **medal, citation and cash prize**: the awardees will receive the award at the forthcoming IMSACON 2009 at Chandigarh on 24th & 25th October 2009 (contact urgently Dr.H.K.Chopra, Secretary General IMSAWHQ). In case he or she is unable to attend IMSACON 2009, he/she should intimate the editor JIMSA, accordingly.

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