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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

JIMSA has always endeavored to focus on topics of current interest especially those related to public health problems. The present issue focusses on two such health hazards ie childhood blindness and drug - addition amongst adolescents. **Dr. Ashok Grover**, a renowned eye specialist of international fame, in an editorial on Eye Screening in Children, points out that there are an estimated 2.7 lac blind children in India; majority of these could be prevented by early detection and intervention. This could be possible only through an organised eye screening programme amongst school going children; active participation of school teachers will go a long way in helping this cause.

Several original articles/case reports published in this issue drawn from different disciplines of Medicine will provide useful and interesting reading. An update by **Prof. Amar jit Singh** on athermatous plaque; especially the emerging role of molecular imaging in defining its extent as also in guiding the treatment of CAD; is quite interesting.

A **Symposium on Drug-Addiction** by **Prof. R. C. Jiloha**, an eminent Psychiatrist and an astute academician, brilliantly focuses on drug abuse amongst adolescents and tobacco-smoking in adults. Authors have amply emphasised that drug abuse is a global phenomenon, showing an amazingly increasing trend amongst teenagers in India. The pessimistic attitude, not only of the family but also of most medical professionals, is a matter of serious concern. The available treatment and rehalitation procedures, have changed the seenario considerably. I am extremely grateful to Prof. Jiloha for his pains-taking efforts in preparing this very informative symposium.

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JIMSA BEST PUBLISHED ARTICLE AWARDS 2013

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 2013**.

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