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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

JIMSA will soon be entering the third decade of its existence. Besides the regular issues with improved scientific content, special issues and symposia on topics of current interest, have been published regularly. These issues have generated good response and earned wide appreciation. Requests have been pouring in from several teaching institutions for contributions to the special issues and symposia. JIMSA Best Article Award, instituted in 2004, has not only encouraged the contributors but has also raised the image of the journal.

In the present issue, a well written editorial by Prof. A.P.Dubey has brilliantly discussed the pattern and hazards of poisoning in children; this editorial review supplements the information given in the original work carried out on a large population of children, from Ludhiana (Punjab) India. A series of interesting original articles, case reports on some of the **practical topics** covering different disciplines of medicine are also published in this issue. An update on Non Cirrhotic Portal Fibrosis – a term first coined by Prof. A.K.Basu from Kolkata in the year 1967, elaborately highlights the epidemiology, clinical spectrum and management of complications of this common topical disorder. In another communication on Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia, the authors have focused on the increasingly popular medical treatment of this surgical condition. Also included in this issue is a **Symposium on An integrated approach in the management of peripheral vascular disease**, with **Dr. Ashok Gupta** as guest editor. The topics covered are really practical and provide an overview of what is evidence – based in vascular diseases; I am indeed grateful to Dr. Ashok Gupta and other contributors of this symposium. I am confident with wide variety of topics covered in this issue, this publication will make an interesting and informative reading for all.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of editorial and advisory board and other peer reviewers of JIMSA, for their help in compilation of this publication. I would also like to extend my appreciation to all the advertisers of this issue.

Wishing all the readers of JIMSA Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2007.

P. D. Gulati

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- (2) Age Limit for the principal author/main researcher should be 45 years and below.
- (3) Number of awards: Three (3) annually, carrying a gold plated medal, citation and cash prize (1st Rs. 3000/-, 2nd Rs. 2000/-, 3rd Rs. 1000/-)
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- (5) Awardees should preferably plan to receive the award at the annual IMSA conference - IMSACON: in case he is unable to attend the conference, the award may be sent through courier, if desired.

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