First Impact Factor of Indian Journal of Microbiology

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The long held speculation of Indian Journal of Microbiology (INJM) achieving international status has constantly been seen in several editorials. Ever since we started the publication in association with Springer India Pvt. Ltd., the quality of the published articles has increased substantially. On time publication of high quality papers during the last four years is commendable. Special theme based issues have added to the increased visibility of our journal. Recently, the release of the 2010 journal citation report from Thomson Reuter has added to our delight in announcing that INJM has fetched its maiden impact factor of 0.936 since its first publication in 1959. This is a major achievement for INJM being amongst the top few journals published in biological sciences from India. It gives me immense pleasure to witness the rapid growth in the quality of our journal with nearly 250 articles published since 2007 and more than 6000 institutions subscribing it in India and abroad. It is encouraging to see INJM articles being cited by international journals like MMBR, IJSEM, PLoS ONE, BMC Genomics and many more reflecting the standard and worth of the research content of the papers.

The announcement of INJM gaining an impact factor has led the submitting authors to change their outlook toward the type of articles that are being approached for

publication. This has led to a dramatic increase in the number of submissions not only from India but also from different parts of the world. INJM too has undergone newer developments on many fronts with an aim to leave no lacunae, like for instance, the introduction of quality check right at the time of manuscript submission. Moreover, the editorial managerial handling period of the received manuscripts has also been reduced to less than a week. For all this to happen in a short span of merely four years, I express appreciation and my sincere gratitude to the readers and authors of our journal and hope to receive many more articles that deserve to be cited and that would add to the ever increasing recognition of INJM.

The great success that INJM has bagged would not have been possible without the indispensable contribution of the Association of Microbiologists of India, the editors, advisory board members, reviewers and authors who constantly ensured maintenance of the quality standards of the papers being published. I, in the capacity of an editor-in-chief would like to extend my heartfelt sincere thanks to all those who have given a flying start to INJM and look forward for this supporting spirit in the coming years for taking the Journal to greater heights.

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