Down the Memory Lane

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The Indian Journal of Surgical Oncology has completed **One Year** of publication through Springer very successfully. I congratulate the office bearers of Indian Association of Surgical Oncology way back in 2008, conceptualized the idea under the leadership of Dr. Sanjay Sharma the then President and Dr. Sanjeev Misra, Secretary. Today their vision and dream has come true and four issues were brought out which have been useful to all the oncologists in the country and also across the globe.

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As a Chairman/Editor it reminds me to write “Down the memory lane” about the events that have happened since the birth of this journal, of which we have brought out four issues in spite of all the initial hurdles. I take this opportunity on behalf of the editorial board to congratulate and compliment the executive committee of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology. Whose timely advice was very useful.

I appreciate all the authors who have presented their individual and institutional work. Special thanks to all the authors who responded to our request in sending articles and all the reviewers for their valuable support in reviewing the articles on time. Without the support and sponsorship from the industry, in today's scientific era it would not have been possible to bring out the journal. I really thank all of them for their continued support to our journal.

As one reads the issues of the journal you will not only find a significant amount of material addressing surgery, but also relating to advanced surgical techniques which includes conventional surgery, minimal invasive surgery, complex skull base surgery along with reconstructive surgical procedures.

The topics chosen were not only surgically oriented but also to the subjects relating to molecular, biochemical, genetics, proteomic, imaging including molecular imaging and target therapeutic surgery which are undergoing investigative protocols.

The four issues which were brought out were very useful to acquire knowledge and skill. The first issue was on Breast cancer which contained the experiences of surgeons and scientists across the globe and reflected the concept of “Multidisciplinary team” in management of breast cancer.

A tribute to Dr. Jussawala, first president of IASO and a doyen of oncology who started the first specialty Breast clinic at Tata Memorial Hospital a few decades ago which

has helped many oncologists in this country to establish standard of care for Breast cancer and other cancers. The tribute was apt on the occasion.

The second issue was on Head and neck cancer. Dr. Sulthan Pradhan and Dr. Prathamesh Pai have brought out a very comprehensive issue on all aspects of Head and Neck Cancer from epidemiology to basic research to combined modality of treatment including rehabilitation and quality of life issues in Head and Neck cancer.

Dr. Chintamani joint editor wrote editorial review on optimum axillary dissection for breast cancer. This issue once again had many articles on breast cancer lymph nodes status utility of sentinel node in management strategies. In this issue many of the original work on breast cancer from this country and many other countries articles for accepted by the editorial board.

The fourth issue was edited by associate editor Dr.K.Harish. In this issue we have published various original articles relating to clinical, basic research and translational research of oral cancer. A tribute was paid to Dr. S. Krishnamurthy of Adyar Cancer Institute whose vision, discipline and dedication was responsible for establishing certificate training courses in Surgical Oncology (Mch) to train many specialists with interest in developing sub specialties.

Many substantive, initiatives are being implemented that represent a continued commitment to provide timely service to our readership, authors and patients whom we treat. The new initiative being introduction of tutorials,

techniques in surgery and imaging which were launched from this issue, which will be useful to surgical residents and the practicing oncologist.

The acceptance of the journal is always judged by its merits in the form of good original articles and review articles. The way the journal website gets a large number of clicks for the online version, speaks of the merits of the article. This journal of one year old has been well accepted by medical professionals.

Finally I will be failing in my duty if I don't thank and appreciate our publisher Springer Inc. who have been helping us to bring out these issues. Soon we will have accreditation from all concerned including indexing on PubMed.

I consider myself very fortunate to be chosen as the editor in chief of this new journal IJSO. The last year has been a transitory period for me during which I worked closely with the superb administration team at Springer, New Delhi to launch this new journal and complete one year very successfully. I look forward to the exciting adventure that will succeed only through the hard work of many individuals including our dedicated associate editors and editorial board, the wonderful administrative staff and our readers all of whom contribute to make this journal very useful.

Together we will ensure that IJSO maintains its reputation in the future years as the very best cancer journal across the globe.