Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hepatology (JCEH): Well Begun is Half-done

The *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hepatology (JCEH)* has completed 1 year of publication since its launch during the Annual Conference of the Indian National Association for the Study of Liver (INASL) at Chandigarh on 25th March 2011. The Journal aims to achieve excellence in research, education, and dissemination of knowledge about all aspects of the liver. It has published papers, which are of interest to scientists involved in basic research and to the clinicians directly involved in patient care. Besides original articles, the Journal has published reviews and articles in two special sections '*From Bench to Bedside*' and '*Liver Transplant Forum*' authored by experts in the field who have used a practical, patient-based format. All articles published in the journal were peer-reviewed. I take this opportunity to thank members of the editorial board and all our reviewers for the pains they took and the time they spared for the Journal.

Informal feedback suggests that the Journal's readers have been highly appreciative of its contents, layout and overall format. The main challenge facing our Editorial Board and myself is how to make good better until we are the best! The Editorial board would like to make *JCEH* a compulsive read with readers eagerly turning to their favorite section, whether it be original research articles, reviews, special sections or editorials. A few readers have

suggested that the Journal should publish a comprehensive and in-depth review of all aspects of a chosen topic by experts in the field in a set of two to five articles. We have started this special section called '*Seminar*' from the first issue of this year and the first topic chosen is 'Management of Gastric Varices'. Evolving data in this field has been covered in two well written and comprehensive reviews by experts who have provided up-to-date information on the endoscopic management of gastric varices with glue injection. Future issues of the Journal will also include consensus statements and practice guideline. Supplement issue covering a single topic will also be published this year. Active participation of its reader through 'Letter to Editor' is essential to sustain the high standards of science and education. My goal is to ensure that the contents of this Journal are useful and are of interest to its readers.

I am confident that the *JCEH* will be able to achieve its goals and will be successful in attaining high standards in science and education.

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