Editorial

Dentistry and Oral Health

As dental science is touching new horizons, everyday is marked with tremendous improvements in technologies leading to uninterrupted research and innovation. With the invention of new generation dental materials especially nanomaterials, dentistry has acquired incredible potential to stand out worldwide. However in India dentistry is still in the budding stage of its evolution despite having around 300 dental institutions. These institutions generate around 25,000 dental professionals every year but hardly few thousand professionals get themselves engaged in contributing to the research and growth of dental science. The inculcation of scientific temper in young dental surgeons certainly speeds up the process of research and developments.

The future dental professionals especially at the BDS level need to be trained in research based clinical knowledge and training. The required scientific temperament and vision for this project certainly come through regular exchanges of expertise and knowledge which do provide impetus to both the process of the developments of technology and temperament with well defined vision. Seminars, symposia, conferences, workshops ... etc are the best congenial means to indulge in continuous process of exchange of knowledge and fresh ideas. These academic-scientific activities promote and sustain the production of research papers and its exchange at wider and multiple levels which are equally important for continuous developments in the field of dentistry

too.

Jamia Teachers' Association organized an international conference to celebrate the centenary of the founding of Jamia Millia Islamia. One of the themes of the conference was "Dentistry and Oral Health" with various sub themes touching the entire gamut of the discipline from Basic Research & education to Advanced Diagnostics in Dentistry. This international conference focused on the fundamental essence of research & development in dentistry. This event highlighted the imperative of further development and suggested the next stage of the evolution of dentistry.

I do appreciate the scientific thinking and vision of the editorial board of the "Journal of Oral Biology and Craniofacial Research" for its proactive role in the field of innovations and new technology. I am gratified by Prof. Divya Mehrotra, Chief Editor of JOB CR for giving me the honor of being a guest editor with challenging responsibilities to proceed the scientific research papers of JTA multidisciplinary international conference (JTACON-2020) for this especial issue.

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