SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE

With this issue, the editorial board (1998 – 2000) wishes to bid Good Bye to you all. We would like to share some of our experience of the past two years with you.

We were privileged to get good articles for publication. Many more have been accepted and are in the waiting list for publication. Some of the articles that could not be published did not fulfill the criteria set out by the journal. We felt that many of the articles were either not adequately referenced or the references were not cited in the text. Some of the case reports were not supported by photographs or other authentic proof and some had long discussions with very little about the case. Some of the review articles were written in the form of textbook and did not deal in depth about the topic being presented. Data presented in some of the articles were not consistent with the given discussions.

The two years have been a challenge for us. Many of the authors who contributed to the journal felt that the communication about the receipt and acceptance of their articles was inadequate. Taking their comments as very genuine, steps have been taken to rectify the situation. I would like to thank the President and the executive committee of the Nepal Medical Association for providing a separate room, a computer, a printer and a computer operator with excellent skills, for the journal. I hope this will facilitate communication. The new scanning machine is another positive achievement for the journal.

Many of our readers feel that the volumes have be-

come thinner. The readers would have noticed that although the journal appears thin, it has improved in quality. Through the editorial articles we have made our view clear that editors of all the medical journals should collaborate to make at least one journal from Nepal of such quality as to be indexed. I hope people with a lot of time and dedication would come forward to take up this challenge.

We would like to thank all the authors, peer reviewers and the readers of the journal for the positive and creative suggestions. We urge the doctors working in peripheral districts of Nepal, even outside the teaching institutions, to share their experience of difficult and interesting cases. We would like them to know that JNMA is for all Nepalese doctors. The editorial team would be happy to provide guidance and assistance to prepare the articles.

Publication of the journal is very expensive. We have had difficult time getting sponsors for our publication. We would like to thank the pharmaceutical companies who believed that contribution to scientific publication is a worthwhile expenditure, and all other sponsors and the Mathura Ratna trust for their generous support.

In the end we would like to wish you a very happy, peaceful and healthy new year 2001.

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