It is with great pride, enthusiasm, and anticipation that I invite you to read the inaugural issue of the IDA BANGALORE DENTAL JOURNAL, a new kind of research journal.

An enormous amount of work has gone into the development of this journal and I believe you will see that effort reflected in this journal and in the impact it will have on the field. It has been an interesting journey, the journey has not been one with a completely charted course. It could not have been, given our time constraints.

As we look at Journal, it is important to keep in mind that it represents the collective thinking of a group of innovative individuals with whom I am privileged to work. First, we want Journal to be the premiere scientific journal in Dental Sciences. We want it to look different, to be different, to be one journal that, with its related website, will be as dynamic as the work going on in our disciplines, a rarity in academic publishing. Second, we want it to be a vehicle for a new type of conversation about dental practice and its place in the academic review, tenure, promotion, and reward process. That's a tall order, but with your help we will make it happen.

Over the past six years, having acquired considerable new experience in Indian Dental Association with such experienced and well informed colleagues from all the Dental Colleges , and papers of various qualities covering all fields of dental medicine, I believe this is the proper time to initiate
some new activities. Setting a web site is such an activity; I believe quite an important activity, which will add to the Journal's wider recognition and, consequently, better and more efficient communication and exchange of scientific ideas. Now, on the web site, the BDJ will be easily found, and I hope that this will enable the BDJ to become a well-known international scientific journal, covering all aspects of Dental Medicine.