

## Editorial

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It is with a sense of pride and accomplishment that I complete 3 years as Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of *Journal of Peripheral Nervous System* (JPNS). Prior to my taking over, the journal was being published by a local printer and was not available online. I was indeed fortunate that I could manage to have the journal taken up by an international publisher (Thieme) and initiate the process for indexing. As some of you might be aware, indexing is a long and laborious process starting with getting an ISSN number, followed by Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) indexing and culminating in PubMed indexing. Each process takes 2 to 5 years and any delay in the regularity of the journal issues or quality of papers can jeopardize the whole process. Adding to the complexity is the naivety of the EICs who are usually taken for a ride by the publishers. My parallel stint at Indian Journal of Neurotrauma (IJNT) helped me understand the intricacies of the process and helped me get JPNS to this stage.

Despite having a large (>10,000) pool of neurosurgeons and plastic surgeons in India, research in Brachial Plexus Injuries (BPI) and peripheral nerve injuries (PNI) is not to the level that is expected. This is reflected in the extremely poor manuscript submission rate to the journal. I could manage to encourage my colleagues and juniors to spare time for writing papers and doing research that is reflected in high

quality of articles published in JPNS over the last few years. However, it is the collective responsibility of members of the society to contribute to the journal to showcase the magnitude of problem of BPI and PNI in India and to also encourage research in these domains.

One of the main challenges I faced as EIC was getting funding for the journal in absence of any formal funding commitment by the society. However, after relinquishing the post of EIC and becoming secretary of Indian Society of Peripheral Nerve Surgery, I could address this problem and am happy to share with you that JPNS will be fully funded by society for posterity. This will dramatically decrease the stress on EIC, who can now devote his time and resources in improving the quality of the journal and getting it PubMed indexed.

I am delighted to hand over the mantle of EIC to Dr. Dattaraj Sawarkar (DRS) who I have seen grow from a resident to a competent faculty in my department and who I am sure will lead the journal to greater heights.

I bid adieu to you all as EIC but will remain connected as mentor to the journal I have fathered and thank the society for giving me this opportunity to serve you all in this role.

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