

## Editor's Page

The Annual Conference of Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation held at Coimbatore was remarkable in the sense that the association decided to have its official publication. From 1972, the year of birth of IAPMR to 1986, the association has crossed the era of childhood and is going into its youth. Every year a handful of members meet and exchange their notes and plans for the next year. Times come and go, but only unforgettable memories remain which haunt everybody. Well it was not too long an innings, for our elders who had a real difficult time but in their praiseworthy efforts to keep the candle burning, there was a message of perseverance for the younger generation.

In spite of all the odds, the association has made the beginning not only in the field of Disabled welfare but in the field of academics as well. Thanks to the efforts made by our respectable elders, Medical Council of India recognised the need of the time and gave a directive to create a chair for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in all the Medical Colleges.

Further with their efforts the National Board of Examination has already started Diploma in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Not only this, Government of India has started Pilot projects in Rural Rehabilitation at Bombay, Madras, Lucknow and Cuttack. There is over all progress in recent years in the field of Physical Medicine. But we have to accelerate the pace of work, we have to add professionalism in our speciality and we have to come up to the expectations of the common disabled. This needs community participation in our endeavour so that the vast majority of the disabled living in remote places, can have the fruits of our labour. For achieving Health for all by 2000 A.D., the Association has envisaged the above, in its aims and objectives.

Lastly I feel proud to have constant encouragement and guidance from our Director Dr. (Miss) S. Varma in preparation of this issue. There are bound to be mistakes and shortcomings but we assure you Sir, with your continuous love, affection and interest it will come up to your expectations. Again we look forward to your constructive suggestions and thoughts.

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