

Bengal Ophthalmic Journal finds World-wide Audience



The Bengal Ophthalmic Journal went online for the first time with the last issue and I was both pleased and surprised to see how often the online version was accessed from all over the world. On analyzing the statistics of the OSWB website, it was seen that the

Journal was the most viewed page, with the article on Transmission Electron Microscopic study in Ocular Leprosy being the most frequently read article.

The online version of The Bengal Ophthalmic Journal being free access, it can reach a very wide audience worldwide. The access to our Journal is now, no longer restricted to the 1000 odd members of our Society, but is readily available to everyone across the globe at the click of a mouse. I hope this will be an added impetus for our members to submit excellent original work for our Society's own Journal rather than elsewhere. There are many diseases that are more prevalent under the tropical conditions of our country and we should make an effort to analyze and report them in our Journal.

The previous Editor had worked hard to try to make our Society's Journal indexed, and I, along with many of you share his goal. But the foremost necessity is to have quality submissions on a regular basis. Only then can we hope to cross the many other hurdles.

I would like to appeal once more for good quality original articles and case reports from all our members. Manuscripts should be prepared according to the "uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to bio-medical journals" published in The New England Journal of Medicine 1997: 336:309-15. This is the format also followed by the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology. Please refer to the previous issue for detailed instructions to authors.

As diabetes is one of the key areas of concern for the ophthalmologist, we have included in this issue, a guest article by Dr Kaushik Pandit (DM endocrinology) that deals with the common questions that often arise in our minds regarding the non- ophthalmological aspects of the disease.

Award winning papers and poster of last years annual conference have been published as usual and I hope you will find that the other articles and case reports stimulate your interest

I would like to end by thanking our contributors for their submissions and our reviewers for their time. Suggestions by our members regarding the betterment of our Journal are always sought and any member who is interested in actively working with the Journal committee is always welcome.

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