

Silver Jubilee Year of Annals of Indian Academy of Neurology: Commemorative Volume

It is a great privilege for me to have been given the opportunity by Prof. Vinay Goyal, current Chief Editor of Annals of Indian Academy of Neurology (AIAN), to pen an editorial to celebrate the glorious 25 years of the journal. The journal has continued to thrive and has attained an enviable standard of publication of quality articles which have been widely cited. Indian Academy of Neurology (IAN) decided to publish a journal under the aegis of the academy to provide an opportunity to senior and junior neurologists as well as residents in training to highlight the clinical and basic research carried out in the country. With these goals, a beginning was made in 1997 and the first Editorial Board was formed and I had the honor of being invited as the Founder Editor [Figure 1]. The culmination of efforts led to the release of the Inaugural issue of the journal at the Sixth Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Neurology at Hyderabad, September 1998 [Figure 2]. In the message for this issue, Dr James F. Toole, President of the World Federation of Neurology, aptly mentioned that **“the birth of a new journal is almost as exciting as seeing a baby born”** [Figure 3]. I must confess that the editorial team experienced great pleasure at the birth of this baby on the Indian scenario.

What has made the journal great over the years is because it included robust clinical and scientific data, focusing on the patterns, prognosis, and management of diseases seen in India, that are of great importance to its readership. The vast

experience of the authors has significantly contributed to the popularity of the journal. The AIAN has provided extremely useful information and hence has attained a wide coverage in the country and abroad. Successive editors Prof. D. Nagaraja, Prof. Sanjeev Thomas, Prof. Satish Khadiolkar, and the current editor Prof. Vinay Goyal have done a remarkable task in maintaining the high standard envisaged and have introduced novel ideas and concepts which have further enhanced the quality of the journal raising its visibility and reaching international audience [Figure 4].

The open access policy of the journal is available within the country and internationally has enabled the scientific community to take advantage of this opportunity and enrich themselves with the information and knowledge as well as patronize the journal when considering publication of their articles.

It is a matter of pride and satisfaction that the number of submissions has shown a remarkable increase over time and hence the issues of the journal were increased from 2 to 6 in a year. Another milestone has been the steady ascent of the impact factor from 0.415 in the year 2010 to 1.383 in the year 2020.

I am confident that our readers eagerly wait to receive every issue of AIAN since it has become an outlet of rigorously

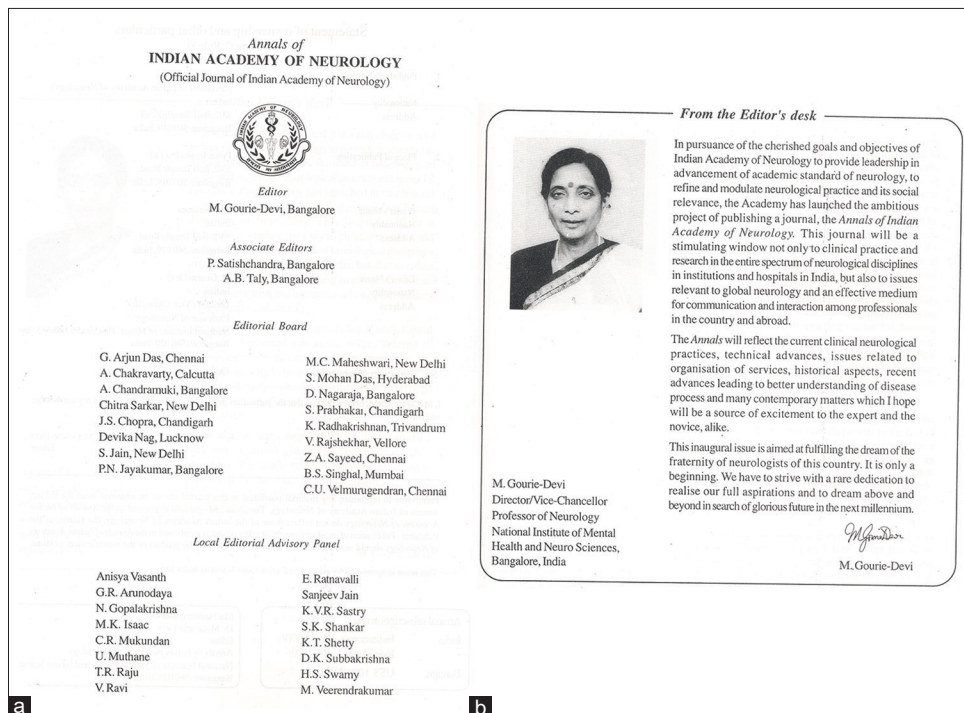


Figure 1: (a) First Editorial board. (b) Editors desk message in first volume

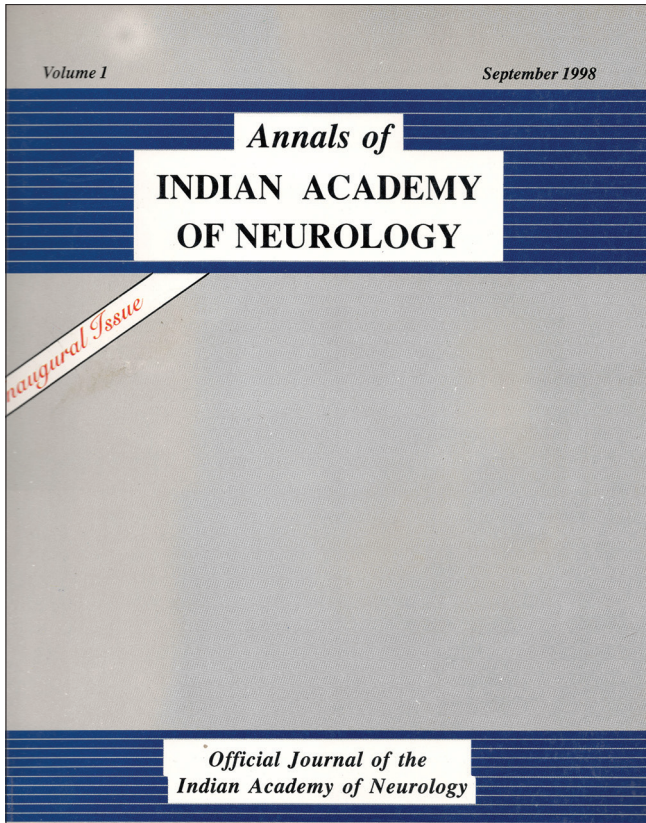



Figure 2: Inaugural issue released at 6th Annual Conference September 1998, Hyderabad

conducted and relevant projects and studies. I am left with no doubt that pursuit of excellence with commitment and dedication will continue to be the banner of the future editors and the editorial boards of this journal.

Message

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Being present at the birth of new journal is almost as exciting as seeing a baby born. What will it grow up to be? The parents of this new journal have the best possible genetic pool in the newly formed Indian Academy of Neurology which is composed of the academic sector of the ever growing Indian neurological community. One can be sure that the baby was carefully gestated and will be loved and nurtured by its parents throughout its infancy, youth, and into maturity. As the twig is bent, so grow the tree, and one can be certain that under the guidance of founding Editor, M. Gourie-Devi and her esteemed colleagues who have been appointed as Associate Editors and members of the Editorial Board, only the best quality materials will be published under their imprimatur. One cannot make a prediction regarding success but, knowing the Indian Academy of Neurology and having been present at many of the meetings of the Indian neurological community at large, one knows that there will be a large body of scientific work to be published and worldwide readership will develop.

In most countries of the world, the limiting factor on the information exchange that journals provide is the cost of the journal. One hopes that not only will there be a possibility for lesser subscription costs favouring an exportation of the knowledge from India to the world but that electronic publication might be considered, as well. It is always exciting to witness, even if only from the sidelines, such an important event.

The worldwide neurological community eagerly awaits the new from India! As past Editor of the Journal of Neurological Sciences I salute those who have worked so hard to produce this newborn babe into the field of academic publications in neurology.

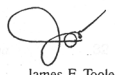

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Figure 3: Message from James F Toole for first volume of AIAN



Figure 4: (a) Prof M.Gourie-Devi (1997–2002). (b) Prof. D. Nagaraja (2003–2005). (c) Prof. Sanjeev Thomas (2006–2011). (d) Prof. Satish Khadilkar (2012–2017). (e) Prof Vinay Goyal (2018 onwards)

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