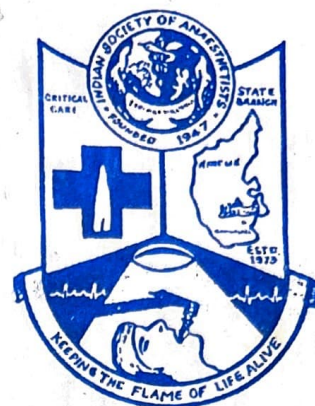


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EDITORIAL

The I.S.A. Karnataka State branch is proud of its unique venture of publishing a journal with a noble idea of helping the anaesthesiologists in and around this part of the country to upgrade their knowledge and enhance their professional skills. This will be a distinct platform to express their academic views and write about their clinical experiences. This journal is also aimed at stimulating the anaesthesiologists of this region to cultivate the art of writing a scientific article.

When the idea of bringing out a journal was mooted an year ago, there were many, who expressed their reservations about the feasibility and relevance of this task. But we felt that it won't be a burden for our society, but in a sense it will be rewarding for our Anaesthesia community, to publish the journal twice a year.

Having crossed all the hurdles, our **Karnataka Anaesthesia Journal** is born, and is now in your hands. In our opinion, it is the moral responsibility of each and every member of ISA Karnataka State to nurture and elevate it to the greater heights.

Incidentally, we are in the 150th year of the practice of modern Anaesthesia. This issue is aptly dedicated to **W.T.G. Morton**, the inventor and revealer of inhalation anaesthesia.

This advent of Anaesthesia, 150 years ago, opened the way to the undeveloped fields of surgery. Today, the anaesthesiologist is no longer confined to the four walls of the operation theatre but is also involved in pain management, critical care medicine, basic research, deep sea diving aviation medicine and the care of the cancer patient in a hospice setup, as reflected in some of the articles published in this issue.

It is heartening to note that of late, there is a profound resurgence of interest throughout the world regarding the central neuraxial blockade even in paediatric patients.

The development of pulse oximetry in the recent times is a major advance in our opinion, for the safe conduct of anaesthesia especially in a developing country like ours. Now, it is within the reach of every practising anaesthesiologist and it is wiser to use it as a routine, and rather it should be mandatory in critical procedures like bronchoscopy.

The response from our community so far, to this journal is lukewarm. But we are sure this venture in the coming days, by the greater involvement of everybody, will take wings and soar towards brighter future.

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