

Letters to the Editor

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Motivating the Medical Journal Editors to Upgrade their Journals — Brief report of JIMA National Assembly of Editors of Medical Journals

SIR, — Apropos to your “Brief report of JIMA National Assembly of Editors of Medical Journals, 3rd edition, published in the JIMA August, 2024 issue. It is the fulfilment of a strong desire to inspire the “Editors” of Medical Journals. True to the spirit of IMA, you have provided the leadership, conceived the idea, contacted the stakeholders, organized the event, arranged for guest experts and took A to Z care of all the participants from various parts of the country, true, a herculean task in a short frame of time!!! All work by you, and your colleagues on JIMA committee. Kudos to you all sir!

The various topics chosen in 15 different scientific sessions and specially –

How to upgrade one's writing skills for Medical Journals

How to Write a Scientific Paper - An Overview

Panel Discussion : Writing An Original Article-Do's and Don'ts

Open Forum Editor's Meet, How to Upgrade Journal

How To Secure Funded Research Projects from Government of India

Many Editors of different medical journals across the country came and exchanged their views as well.

They are stimulating and tail twisting. We are sure, few of them will quickly upgrade their Journal to new standard, transparent, high quality so that Indian medical researchers find a good platform to publish their work and get international visibility.

Then of the tricky issues like- There was an issue of high registration charges & relatively less attendance, can cause some headaches.

There are over 750 medical colleges in our country, and equally talented faculty forming huge author base, struggling to publish their work, in a catch 22 situation, besides NMC mandate, paucity of reviewers, problem of soliciting middle men, many substandard journals, but few countable upgraded Medical Journals to give international visibility to research work¹⁻⁵. It is right time, right forum you have raised the issue and lit the torch, let the light enlighten us!!!

Alas, we had no hint of this event, we were left behind, and missed a fabulous occasion of meeting, participating and contributing in this conference.

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