

Editorial

Fourteen years of Continuous Publishing of the APCRI Journal

APCRI is an organization of like minded persons coming together to fight the menace of Rabies. It is probably the most feared of all human diseases. Many members of this association are physicians working in Anti-rabies clinics in the Government sector or the Private sector. In most places of employment, no initiative is taken by the administration for updating the knowledge base of the physicians working there. The system is very happy if the attending patients are disposed off with the free or whatever doses of the vaccines, that are available there with no untoward incident taking place. The doctors who have kept themselves updated have done so with their individual effort. In most cases the system has not helped them in any manner, but has put numerous obstacles in their path to acquire knowledge. Doctor's acquire knowledge to equip themselves for providing better service to their patients. Patients come to the doctors for getting the best possible treatment for themselves. These are facts of life.

The Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI) was founded on 17th April 1998 by a group of seventeen committed and dedicated rabies professionals at a meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. **The main objective was initially to have a scientific and professional platform for focusing on the dreaded disease of rabies and its control.**

The first of the many Aims & Objectives of APCRI is “to bring out regularly a bulletin of the association, which will cover the various scientific aspects of Rabies and will keep its members updated regarding newer developments on this fatal disease. It should be the aim of the Editor to maintain a simple yet practical approach in the discussion on various topics”.

The Journal of any professional and scientific organization is the medium through which everyone can get relevant information about the academic and scientific activities of that

organization. It is most essential for creating interest about academic and scientific activities in that organization amongst its members

Dr. Anil Dutta, was the first Editor of the APCRI Journal. The first issue of the APCRI Journal was published on the occasion of the first conference of APCRI, on 25th July, 1999, at Kolkata. This was no small achievement. He did a marvelous job and brought out a splendid journal from scratch. Following the transfer of Dr. Anil Dutta from New Delhi, in April 2000, to Lyon in France, Dr. S. N. Madhusudana from NIMHANS Bangalore took over as Editor of the APCRI Journal.

Dr. S. N. Madhusudana is a stalwart in the field of rabies. He used all his academic expertise to bring out issues regularly, and they were of very high standard scientifically. Dr. Madhusudana edited the issues of the APCRI Journal brought out at the 2nd APCRICON in July 2000, 3rd APCRICON in July 2001, 4th APCRICON in July 2002 and the 5th APCRICON in July 2003. With this his term ended.

Dr. Madhusudana started the APCRI News Letter in 2001. He could bring out two more issues of the APCRI News Letter in 2002 and 2003. He started the APCRI website www.apcri.org in 2001.

APCRI Journal had the privilege of having two very intelligent, resourceful and technically competent persons as editors for the first five years of its continuous publication. The first five issues contained articles of great merit.

Dr. Mahesh Prasad Sharma of Jaipur, was the Editor of the Sixth issue of the APCRI Journal published at the 6th APCRICON in July 2004. Till this time the APCRI Journal used to be distributed among the delegates attending the APCRICONs. There was no system of mailing the copies to all the members and other important persons or institutions in the field. The journal and the news letter used to be printed by the sponsors.

From 8th July, 2005, I took over as editor of the APCRI Journal and all its publications. Immediately after taking charge I could bring out

the 7th issue of the APCRI Journal in July 2005, with very active co-operation of the Executive Committee of APCRI. This was the first time the APCRI Journal got published entirely by the efforts of APCRI members. Funds for publishing and circulation were generated from Advertisements.

The journal was mailed to all members and important persons and institutes working in the field, for the first time. This practice is being continued till now for both the APCRI Journal and the News Letter. The APCRI Journal got its ISSN in July 2006, and the APCRI News Letter got its ISSN in October 2006.

From 2007 onwards the APCRI Journal and the APCRI News Letter are being published two times

a year and they are being mailed free of charge to all APCRI members and others in the mailing list, including many medical colleges, veterinary colleges and research institutions.

Now, the APCRI Journal has a website of its own [www.apcrijournal.org], where the current and back issues of the APCRI Journal can be viewed by all. The site is updated whenever an issue is published. The main APCRI site [www.apcri.org] is also available where the APCRI Journal and the APCRI News Letter can be viewed.

Finally, I would like to conclude with the remark that in the first fourteen years of its existence, the APCRI Journal has been able to get success in the fulfillment of its Objectives.

Announcement

The APCRI Newsletter is published every six monthly, in October and in April. APCRI members and the members of the Scientific Community are requested to contribute News Clippings, Photographs and Reports on Scientific activity on Rabies and Related matter for publication in the Newsletter.

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