

NINETEEN YEARS OF UNINTERRUPTED PUBLISHING OF APCRI JOURNAL

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”.

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 was 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.

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 publishing. 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.

From 8th July, 2005, I took over as editor of the APCRI Journal. **Immediately after taking charge I could bring out the 7th issue of the APCRI Journal in July 2005. The APCRI Journal got its ISSN in July 2006.**

From 2007 onwards the APCRI Journal is being published two times a year, once in January and again in July, regularly. **The APCRI Journal was indexed for the first time in Index Copernicus International in 2013. The journal is being indexed continuously, every year since then. The Rating Points (ICV) of the APCRI Journal has been increasing every year very significantly. The APCRI Journal is available in both Printed form, as well as in the electronic form in PDF format in the APCRI web site and the APCRI Journal web site.**

The popularity of the APCRI Journal has increased greatly over the years and is read by many non members both in India and abroad as well. Some of the contributors of articles are not members of APCRI. In fact, it is the only journal devoted to Rabies in the world. It publishes only articles backed by scientific research and cleared by the peer reviewers.