



I am happy to present the 39th volume of the Journal of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (JAIISH). I appreciate the efforts of the Managing Editor, Associate Editors and the other Editorial board members in bringing out this volume, in this tough time.

Set in the year 1970, JAIISH received the ISSN number in 2007. Efforts are on to make JAIISH as an online journal so that the publication process is more effective. The previous volumes which have brought out valuable research contributions in the field of communication disorders are available online.

This volume has a perspective article contributed by Dr. Ananthanarayan A. Krishnan, Professor, dept. of speech-language hearing sciences, Auditory electrophysiology laboratory, Purdue University, USA. The article deals with the neural representation of complex sounds. Six research articles qualified to this volume after a thorough peer-review by expert reviewers. The article in speech deals with investigations on disfluencies. Studies on the role of rehearsal language in working memory and decoding gesture identification are included from the area of language. Three manuscripts have been included from the area of hearing. These manuscripts deal with compensation for variations in word identification scores, effects of pressure sweep factors on acoustic immittance measures, and prevalence of children at-risk for developing communication disorders in the urban primary schools.

Let me conclude by thanking all the reviewers for their time, efforts and valuable feedback, which has helped to enhance the quality of selected manuscripts. Let me also acknowledge all the authors who contributed their manuscripts for this issue.

I hope that the readers will find all the articles in this volume interesting and useful.

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