

Editorial

Greetings from AIISH, Mysore!

Journal of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (JAIISH) was resumed as an indexed journal with the ISSN No.0973-662X in the year 2007 by bringing out its 26th volume. The institute was able to bring out the 27th volume on time in 2008. Volume 28, which is the third volume of the indexed journal, is now ready on time in the year 2009.

I am extremely happy to share with you that JAIISH is also available as an ejournal now. Readers may access the journal in the portal <http://aiish.ac.in> directly or through AIISH web site aiishmysore.com. Full text of the article may be download free of cost. I hope this facility will enable the global researchers to refer to the work done in India.

We received good feedback for both vol. 26 and vol. 27. The subscriptions increased substantially. It is very encouraging to note that several researchers outside the institute are also enthusiastically contributing to the issues. We will look forward to continued contributions from all in the future as well.

It appears that Speech Language Pathologists are more effective in encouraging the young researchers to carry out research in the area of voice and language. In the present volume, there is a skewed distribution of articles in the area of SLP and Audiology. There are nine articles in the area of voice alone, several of them dealing with voice science. There are three articles dealing with genetic issues related to speech. Research in this direction may prove to contribute towards phenotyping genes involved in voice production. Nine articles under 'Language' focuses on issues related to phonological awareness, lexical processing, and receptive expressive emergent language skills etc.

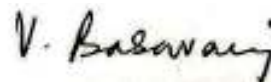
It is disappointing to note that not many articles in the area of hearing and hearing disorders were received. Interestingly, out of the four articles under hearing, two articles deal with tinnitus. We look forward to receiving more articles in the areas of Audiology and Hearing science here after.

The 25 articles included in this volume were reviewed by four guest editorial members apart from the designated editorial members of the journal. Their contribution is sincerely acknowledged. Our appreciation to all the members of the Editorial Board for meeting our deadlines in reviewing the articles. Continued and focused effort by Dr. N. Sreedevi, Co-ordinator enabled this volume to go to press on time. Her contribution is laudable.

As promised last year, this issue has a section on book review. We chose the book "Status of Disability in India – 2007: Hearing Impairment and Deaf blindness" published by RCI, India for review in this volume. This book was chosen with the intention that the review would enable several readers of our journal to become aware of RCI publications and procure their books to get information on the status of disability in India. We are extremely happy that Dr. N. Rathna, a pioneer in the field of Speech & Hearing in the country, and the former Director of AIISH, Mysore and AYJNHH, Mumbai, agreed to review the book within a short period of one month. His review is a value addition to this volume. Our sincere thanks to Dr.N. Rathna.

Your feedback about JAIISH will enable us to include yet another section 'letters to editor' in our forth coming volumes. We believe that such a section could promote good professional interaction across the globe.

I look forward to your continued support in contributing your valuable research publications in the Journal of AIISH. You may please email your suggestions regarding improving the standard of the journal to aiish_dir@yahoo.com.



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