

EDITORIAL

Greetings from AIISH, Mysore!

The Journal of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (JAIISH) which was resumed as an indexed journal with the ISSN No.0973-662X in the year 2007 is publishing its annual volumes regularly. e-format of the Journal is also accessible in the portal <http://aiish.ac.in> directly or through the AIISH website, aiishmysore.in.

There was overwhelming response in terms of the number of papers submitted for publication this year. In view of this, each volume of Journal of AIISH will be brought out biannually as two numbers. I am happy to put before you the 29th Volume, No.1 of Journal of AIISH for the year 2010.

The present volume has certain special features. The authors/editors of three books consented for the review of their book and publication of the same in JAIISH. Three book reviews have been included in this volume namely: Audiology in Developing Countries edited by Mc Pherson, B., Brouillette, R; Portage Guide to Early Childhood Education edited by Smt. Indumathi Rao, CBR Network (South Asia) and Clinical Audio-Vestibulometry for Otologists and Neurologists (IV Edition) by Anirban Biswas. Our sincere thanks to them for consenting to offer their books for review. The book review section was started in the year 2009 with the intention of sharing information regarding the publication of books, particularly those published in India, for the benefit of readers. The eminent reviewers of the books namely Dr. M. N. Nagaraja, Dr. S. Venkatesan and Dr. Alok Thakar are sincerely acknowledged for providing their valuable opinion regarding the book.

It was intended that the review of the book "Clinical Audio-Vestibulometry for Otologists and Neurologists (IV edition)" be done by an otologist as well as an audiologist. The review by the otologist was received well on time to be included in this number and hence this has been included. I hope the review by an audiologist will be published in Vol. 29, No.2.

The other special feature of this volume is a write up by Dr. Prathibha Karanth titled "Women in Science." This is the plenary address she delivered on the theme of "Speech Language Hearing Sciences and Disorders" at the Second National Women's Science Congress hosted by the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing in November 2009. The National Women's Science Congress is organized by 'Matru Vedike' which is a sub organization of Swadeshi Vijnana Andolana-Karnataka, a unit of Vijnana Bharati, an Indian Scientists' Forum. Matru Vedike conducts women science congress annually. This unique venture encourages the organization of a science congress solely for women scientists by women scientists. The congress invites scientific papers on several themes such as Chemical, biological and material sciences; Physical & mathematical sciences; Health and medical sciences including Ayurveda; Civil mechanical, aerospace and transportation sciences; Agriculture, horticultural, fishery and veterinary sciences; Psycho-spiritual and philosophical sciences; Cosmology, geology, geography, archaeology, earth science, ecology, biodiversity, environment; Electrical, electronics, communication and energy; Socio-economic including economics, politics, history, commerce and management; and Socio-cultural sciences including arts and music. In the second National Women's Science Congress, which was hosted by AIISH, Mysore, a new theme on 'Speech language hearing sciences and disorders' was proposed and accepted. This attracted several women scientists in this area for the congress.

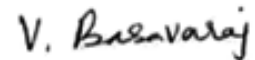
The present volume 29 (1) has ten articles in the area of speech and language covering the topics on bilingualism, dementia, dyscalculia, and topics in the area of voice and speech intelligibility, phonological awareness skills, communication disorders in actual seizures. There are five articles in the area of hearing covering topics of cochlear implant, hearing aid, auditory speech processing etc.

As mentioned earlier, since there were more than 50 articles received for review, the articles which were reviewed by the editorial board and finalized by mid July 2010 have been chosen for publication in No.1. The other articles which are pending review will be published in Vol. 29 (2) in the latter half of 2010.

I am disappointed to note that there are no letters to the editor regarding any aspect of the journal including the book review section. I request the readers to please respond and react so that your feedback will help us in improving the journal.

It is proposed to include a new section on "case reports" in the forthcoming volumes. I look forward to your feedback and suggestions on this. The 15 articles included in this volume were reviewed by 4 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. Ms. K. Yeshoda, Lecturer in Speech Sciences who is the Coordinator for the journal has put in a lot of effort in getting this publication through and this is sincerely appreciated and acknowledged.

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



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