

Editorial

The world is seeing a spate of upheavals; political, economic and social. The economic downturn in India and the concomitant depreciation of the rupee has eroded the financial environment. It is our social and moral responsibility to understand the dental milieu to address the issues that concern us as dentists. An in-depth analysis of the dental needs and aspirations of the Indian population is, therefore, imperative. Keeping this in mind, we, at IJOLD, have proposed a separate section of survey articles from this issue onward. This will encourage a broader understanding of the present status of our dental condition and requirements. As an introduction, we have published a survey article on the dental health and nutritional health of children in the Municipal Corporation Schools in Mumbai.



We look forward to a positive response from our contributors in this section as well.

The depreciation of the rupee will have a positive impact though on our dental tourism market. We will be more competitive in pricing as compared with the other countries which are also involved in this business. So, we must ensure that very high ethical standards, quality of treatment and very importantly redressal mechanisms are made available to the tourists who come to our country from all over the world, for more affordable but optimum modalities of treatment.

We, at IALD, look forward to welcoming you all to our Annual International Conference in Chennai, on 18th to 22nd September, 2013. We promise you great scientific education and hospitality which has been the hallmark of our conferences for the last decade.

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