

From The Editor's Desk

To my Medical Biochemistry Fraternity,

I wish to express my immense pleasure at the trust you have bestowed on me as Editor-in-Chief for this official journal (Indian Journal of Medical Biochemistry—IJMB) of our national body namely Association of Medical Biochemists of India (AMBI). I hope to uphold this trust and take our journal to greater heights.

The task assigned to me is not easy and many a times it has lead to frustration and anguish but the task has to be done and done well. I have changed the cover page to make it more attractive.

The quality of paper used for printing is acid free as per the requirement for any indexing agency.

Now certain issues that need urgent attention are:

1. Our journal is indexed with IndMed which is the Indian indexing site of ICMR. Unfortunately due to lack of funds with ICMR the same is not reflected on IndMed Site.
2. Ind Med is not recognized by MCI for promotion of Faculty. This has been represented by us to MCI. About 70 Indian Journals together have published an article showing drawbacks with MCI list of MCI recognized Indexing sites.
3. I am trying to get indexing with other agencies like Copernicus, etc. All takes time and money. I hope you will all bear with me and trust me and hopefully we will get some positive news by our next conference.
4. Please send your work for publications as this is YOUR journal

This year's theme of 24th AMBICON at Guwahati is specifically for the UPCOMING YOUTH BRIGADE. It is heartening to see how many young MD biochemists are members of this association. It is important to remember that this is our organization and we are all responsible to take it to whatever level we want by contributing in whatever way we can. Your mere presence in the conference makes a difference.

Medical Biochemists have a lot to look up to. Besides being teachers in Medical colleges (Central Govt/State Govt/Private sector).The option of specialist Biochemists is also there in many hospitals without a medical college. Medical Biochemists also have the option of opening their own Clinical lab as well as joining any other Laboratory. Those interested in research can join Pharma companies or work as full time research officers.

As part of MD training in Molecular Biology, Immunology, Endocrinology and interpretation of Laboratory results is something to be proud of. The maintenance of Quality control in clinical labs is the job best executed by a Biochemist.

As far as further studies are concerned, we can opt for Civil Services, MBA and specific trainings in Medical Education, Molecular Biology, etc. PhD is another option after MD.

The knowledge of biochemistry helps in screening, diagnosis, prognosis and therapy of disease in humans. The future of medicine rests with molecular medicine and personalized therapy – the forte of medical biochemists. This is enough to give us satisfaction in the field chosen by us.

Medical Biochemistry gives us insights into the mechanisms of evolution, growth, development, reproduction, disease, and senescence related to humans. We all have to dream and try to achieve them. There will always be hurdles on the way but that is God's way of testing us. Let us all emerge as winners



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