Editorial..........

In democracy election is a powerful weapon in the hands of the voters. I would like to congratulate all the members for effectively using this tool, to bring in the refreshing change in the AIOTA Executive committee and electing the perfect blend of experienced as well as young candidates.

I would like to thank Dr. Anil Srivastava Past Editor and Dr. Zarine Ferzandi past Associate Editor IJOT, for their long standing contribution to IJOT and greatly appreciate the willingness of our young executive Dr. Mrs. Sofia Azad who has accepted to shoulder the responsibility as associate editor IJOT.

You will notice the change in the Editorial Board of IJOT as it was needed to bring senior professionals other than Executive Committee members of AIOTA to the main stream.

Attempt has also been made to give new look to IJOT and I shall be looking forward to your comments on the fresh look of IJOT.

Apart from regular research contents we have introduced new columns like Gurugyan, Students Corner, Private Practitioners columns and NRI OT sharing their experience. Please send your contributions. Selected contribution shall be published in IJOT.

Presently AIOTA is fighting out a crisis situation due to non inclusion of Occupational Therapists under National Health Council Draft Bill 2009. This is an emergency call to all AIOTA executives to utilise our resources and to mobilise contacts in the interest of AIOTA and to register our say. Accordingly the representations were submitted to the concerned authorities, as well as the Ministers. Press conference was also called at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on July 28th, 2010. Brief report of the press conference is also published in this issue.

Preparations of 48th National Conference of AIOTA at Chennai (Jan.9-11,2011), are in progress. I am awaiting your active participation at the conference. It would be absolutely great pleasure to meet you and interact with you in person.

With Independence Day greetings.

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