



Dear Friends,

I write this to mark the official end of my term as President of the Indian Prosthodontic Society. I am rather overwhelmed as I try to share my thoughts with you all. At the outset, I would like to thank all of you for conferring on me the confidence and support, which was responsible for elevating me to this post. It has been an extremely interesting and gratifying journey and I owe this to the unstinted support and encouragement I received from all my senior, colleagues and friends.

As dentistry grows by leaps and bounds, the spotlight has shifted to our specialty where one witnesses exponential growth in both materials and techniques. Our specialty has expanded to include new materials and methods and the Indian Prosthodontic Society has a responsibility primarily to its members to equip them better to serve society. To facilitate this, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Japan Prosthodontic Society two year back. As you know, four of our members visited Japan and I am happy that this exchange program happened during my tenure as the President. I am very proud to announce that before I leave the head office I could also make this exchange program more beneficial to our members by increasing the number to six. The next year annual report will have six names of our members benefiting out of this MoU. I have also seeded the idea of associating IPS with Prosthetic societies of different countries to facilitate the exchange of ideas and technology.

We are aware of our commitment to the common man of our country. With approximately 62% of the total world population being edentulous, either partial or complete, statistics on Prosthodontic service requirement and Oral health policy is an important social need. Country-wide statistical details like incidence of edentulism, prosthodontic need have to

be generated for our country. We bank on the data of other countries for most of our references. This base line data for our country is mandatory and the need of the hour. I only wish that the Head office of the IPS, ably headed by Dr Suhasini Nagda, and our dynamic secretary Dr Rangarajan will take up this important issue of collecting epidemiological data. I would like to appeal to all faculties across the country to join hands in this mission.

The journal of IPS is also gaining international identity, thanks to the hard work of the editors Prof. Suhasini Nagda and Prof. Ravindra Savadi. Our head office is all computerized to the extent that we can now pay dues online and members can access, upload information about themselves. There is an active academic forum for exchange of ideas amongst us. I am proud to be in the head office when this transition is taking place.

I could have never done even a fraction of what has been done but for the support of the EC members and of course the members of the society. I have enjoyed the chair as the President of IPS and had a very smooth sail. I would like to place on record my appreciations to our ever enthusiastic Secretary Prof V. Rangarajan, and all my good friends without whose help I would have never existed in the Head office. I also would like to thank all the past Presidents who were a positive source of guiding light, and most importantly the guidance from our founder members especially Prof. E.G.R. Solomon and Prof. F.D. Mirza was invaluable.

Thank you one and all.

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