

Editorial

The 38th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine was held at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine on 11-12 December, 1997. Most of the scientific papers presented during the Conference are being included in this issue of the Journal. The range and variety of the papers is encouraging and we are sure that more work will be reported in future on areas of current interest both in military and civil aviation medicine.

The Society was formed 45 years back by a group of young Air Force Medical Officers with the active support of Air Marshal Subroto Mukherjee, the first Indian Chief of the Air Staff. Today, as one of the very few aeromedical organisations in the world, we can take pride in our achievements through the years as we have successfully held our 38th Annual Scientific Meeting and published the 41st volume of our Journal.

The days ahead are going to be more exciting with the explosion of information technology we are currently witnessing. The Journal, including the back issues, will soon be available in a national database of medical publications being set up by the National Informatics Centre of the Planning Commission. We are discussing plans for setting up our inevitable Internet presence as early as possible. The success of the Aeromedical List and web sites of various aviation and aeromedical organisations on the Net is very encouraging.

We wish all our readers a very happy 1998.