

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Air Marshal L K Verma

On taking over the reins of the office of the President of the Indian Society of Aero Medicine, I extend a warm greeting to all the members of the Society. Though I have associated with the society in different capacities for the last 37 years, frankly speaking I was not aware of the awesome achievements of the Society and the laurels it has garnered since its inception in 1952. The quantum of good work specially in research is very obvious when one looks at the academic activities of the society.

Poised on the threshold of the new millennium one needs to pause and reflect on the direction to adopt for the future. The remarkable upswing in scientific inquiry and aerospace technology during the last century transcend even the wildest imaginations of the early pioneers. Advances in aviation have catapulted us into the aerospace age. In step with all these scientific breakthroughs, man unfortunately is the fragile link.

It is our responsibility to ensure that man in space is in harmony with his surroundings so that his milieu-interior remains in equilibrium, thus enabling him to withstand the varied stresses of space flight and optimally perform his given task. We need to have an inquisitive nature, ask the right questions and our research efforts should concentrate on finding simplistic solutions to unravel the complicated problems of space travel. I therefore beseech the learned members of the aeromedical fraternity to work and strive towards this goal.

(Message given on the eve of the 41st annual conference of the society)