

Editorial

The 22nd annual meeting of the Aeromedical Society of India was held at Bangalore on 9 & 10 Nov 1979 and was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal PC Lal (Retd), Chairman of Air India and Indian Airlines. In his inaugural address, he emphasised the need for further intensive research in the field of human engineering and that Doctors could do more active flying to get first hand information in the scientific evaluation of human engineering problems.

Due to the sustained efforts made by the Society over the last two decades, there is an increased awareness of the role of human engineering in promoting flight safety.

In order to cater for the increased tempo of human engineering activities in the country in the field of aeronautics, a separate Human Engineering Panel under the aegis of Aeronautics R & D Board was formed by the Government of India with experts in the field chosen from various Defence and Civil Organisations. Major research and development projects in human engineering could be sponsored and monitored through this panel. Members of the society who wish to initiate projects in this field are free to communicate with Air-Officer-Commanding, Institute of Aviation Medicine, who is the co-ordinator of the panel.

The possibility of greater interaction with similar organisations in other countries is under active consideration of the Aeromedical Society which may further the interest of the Society and the Journal. We therefore look forward for contributions from scientists who are working in similar fields abroad.