

Editorial

Nineteen ninety-four, in retrospect, was the year of the Indian Aeromedical Scientist. September of 1994 will remain etched in the history of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine. India had the unique honour of being the second Asian country, after Japan, to host the International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine. The world's "Who's Who" in the field of Aerospace Medicine were all there in New Delhi from 27 to 29 September. India has a large body of aeromedical specialists. With major developments taking place in the aviation industry in this part of the world, the Congress could not have come at a more appropriate time, especially for those specialists interacting with the industry presently. The efforts of a tireless group of organizers in New Delhi under the dynamic leadership of Air Marshal PC Sharda, AVSM PHS, President of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine, ensured that the Congress was a runaway success.

During August 94, Defence Bioengineering and Electromedical Laboratory (DEBEL) at Bangalore hosted a symposium on human engineering. This was the first ever effort in this direction in the country. Aeromedical specialists, engineers and scientists shared a common platform in an effort to identify thrust areas in the important area of pilot vehicle interface. Recent advances in design and development of aircraft life support systems were also reviewed in the symposium.

This issue of IJASM comes to you with a new look in a different design and style. Newer methods of editing and publishing have now been adopted, therefore, the forthcoming issues will be reaching you well in time. Guidelines for authors desirous of publishing in IJASM are being sent along with this issue of the IJASM.

The proceedings of the 42nd International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine are being published in this and the June '95 issue as Special Issues, Volumes 1 and 2. The Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine gratefully acknowledges the permission accorded by the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine to publish the papers read in the 42nd ICASM in the Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine. Readers will bear with us that even though some papers received were not in standard format, we have published them for their scientific content and value.

A fresh updated list of Society members is being published in this issue. The editorial board requests all members to help keep the list current. We also expect that articles of high-scientific value will flow into our editorial office.

We hope you will like the IJASM in its new format. Do let us know.