

From the Editor's Desk

I have recently assumed charge as the Editor of the *Journal of the Indian Institute of Science* along with a new Editorial Committee. We have had serious deliberations on the focus of the Journal. The theme-based special issues published for almost a decade provided excellent opportunities to bring together related material at one place, but failed to project current research in disciplines and areas that happened to fall outside the purview of specific themes. Many long-standing contributors to the *Journal* were disappointed over the inflexibility of the specific theme format. We have therefore decided to keep every issue of the *Journal* in its new avatar, multidisciplinary in scope and coverage.

On account of considerations of space and to ensure uniform application of peer review to all materials published in the Journal, we are discontinuing the practice of including theses summaries in the *Journal*. These will be uploaded on the web, and thus remain accessible to interested researchers. We are also discontinuing the supply of reprints.

The *Journal* insists on maintaining the highest standards of refereeing, copy-editing and production. We would like to ensure timely publication of issues. We would request our senior researchers to contribute to the *Journal*. We welcome new and upcoming researchers as well. We urge senior scientists to write review articles that will motivate young scientists and provide directions to profitable work. We also propose to publish invited talks and special issues on select themes. All papers received for publication will be peer-reviewed.

Let me take this opportunity to urge the contributors to verify the accuracy of bibliographic information. The most common problems encountered are mismatch between the text and the list, wrong citations, errors in names of authors, years of publication, volumes and page numbers. The problems are compounded in the case of citations from secondary sources. There are also problems relating to the quality of figures submitted. Most of them are poorly made with disproportionate lettering and poor lines which break in reproduction. Another aspect that needs the authors' attention is proofreading. Good quality proofreading ensures error-free and speedier publication. These measures will certainly help im-

prove presentation and quality. The authors can send their contributions through both soft and hard copies. A floppy will also be helpful.

On behalf of the Editorial Committee, I would like to place on record our sincere thanks to Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, Director, Indian Institute of Science, for supporting our decisions and efforts at making the *Journal* more presentable and technically richer in content.

The *Journal* office is headed by the Assistant Editor Mr K. Sreenivasa Rao. He is supported by Mrs S. Sakkubai (Sarala) and Mrs Padmamma. The web version of the *Journal* is being prepared. One of our Editorial Committee Members, Dr Umanand, is overseeing this process. He is assisted by Ms Rajni Arya and Ms K. Omana.

The new cover design has been beautifully crafted by Dr Pradeep G. Yammiyavar and Mr N. K. Gururaja of the Centre for Electronics Design Technology (CEDT) of the Indian Institute of Science.

I look forward to the continuous support of all of our contributors towards the success of our efforts. The *Journal* is open to all scientists/technologists irrespective of their affiliation, despite the apparent suggestion in its title of a publication confined to an organization.

I hope the readers enjoy reading the *Journal*.

I have great pleasure in introducing the new Editorial Committee.

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Editor