

# Change, the Only Constant!

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Change is all around us. Over the past few decades, our profession, ophthalmology, as we know it, has undergone an ocean worth of change. Be it in the technology, we use to examine, image or treat our patients, be it in the knowledge of our trade or practice patterns, or be it in the wisdom of merging science and art in a way clinical research has never known before, change is the one thing that has been constant.

This aura of change could not have left our professional body, the Karnataka Ophthalmic Society, far behind, and with it, its flagship, scientific journal, “*Chakshu*.” The tireless and thankless efforts of our previous editors have resulted in making *Chakshu*, a journal of regional and national repute. Every member eagerly awaited the new issue, which was delivered by the postal department. The articles were both topical and relevant to our regional scientific interests serving our professional multitude with earnest and honest science. I place on record my heartfelt thanks to all our previous editors for their yeomen service in making *Chakshu* what it embodied.

And now, *Chakshu* is all set to undergo a huge transformation. Mandated by our professional body, its new avatar, called, “The Journal of Vision Sciences” will be online, open access, and peer-reviewed with a soon-to-come manuscript submission and tracking system that will be transparent, complying with the highest standards of the publication industry. The journal does not charge any processing fee or subscription charges for our members.<sup>[1]</sup> With the support of an extraordinary advisory board, regional, national as well

as international, I hope that our dream of making this journal indexed will soon become a reality.

The debut issue reflects the evolution of the science, we profess and practice. In our attempt to keep pace with the rapidly expanding technology, the journal has received several articles that were subjected to rigorous blinded peer review before they were revised and published in this issue. Perhaps it is the sign of our times that this issue must contain articles which address internationally “hot topics” including intra-operative optical coherence tomography, smartphones in ophthalmology, and LASIK for presbyopia to name a few. I am hopeful that we will expand our readership both online and offline by attracting and publishing articles of the highest and most stringent scientific temper.

To showcase the interesting and diligent work of ophthalmologists in Karnataka, I invite both the seasoned and the young ophthalmologists to enthusiastically contribute to our state journal, so that we can showcase it to a wider national and international audience.<sup>[2]</sup> I hope that with the continuous support of the Karnataka Ophthalmic Society and the contribution of our clinicians and researchers both within and outside the state and country, we would see our journal, the “JVS,” among the foremost scientific publications in its space in the years to come.

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