The Journal Enters a New Era

The journal *Infectious Diseases in Obstetrics and Gynecology* was recently approved for listing in *Index Medicus*. This is another major milestone in the life of this journal. I want to thank all the members of the editorial board for their effort and contribution to the journal that enabled it to become a quality periodical that merited listing in *Index Medicus*.

This is a significant step in the evolution of the journal and permits us to produce a product that can compete with other major journals in our field. I hope that being listed in *Index Medicus* will encourage more investigators to submit manuscripts to our journal. If the number of manuscripts published increases, this may result in an increase in subscriptions. This, in turn, could increase the number of companies that will advertise in the journal.

I want to especially thank Dr. David Soper, the executive editor, who has given a great deal of his time in supporting the journal. His sincere interest in the journal has expanded its scope and made it more appealing to practitioners and residents. I would also like to thank Donna Steinhagen, editorial associate, for the countless hours and effort she has devoted to making the journal a success.

The next step in the evolution of the journal is to increase subscriptions. A new feature to appear in the near future will be “Immunizations for Nonpregnant and Pregnant Patients.” This section will be under the direction of Dr. Stanley Gall, the new president of the Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology. We will also publish position papers of both the Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology and the International Infectious Disease Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology—USA. These important papers will give the readership the learned opinion of both memberships with regard to management and treatment of important diseases and conditions. The journal will also publish letters to the editor regarding these position papers, articles published, and opinions of the readership, if appropriate.

I look forward to the growth of the journal, and I am sure that it will become a very important source of information for the practitioner and researcher. The journal should also become a reference source for all physicians treating infectious diseases in women.

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