The first year: Journal of Society of Anesthesiologists of Nepal (JSAN)

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The launch of the Inaugural Issue of Journal of Society of Anesthesiologists of Nepal (JSAN) coincided with the national conference of the society on 1st March 2014. It was handed out to the delegates and life members of Society of Anesthesiologists of Nepal. And now, after one year, we are in position to announce that JSAN has established itself as a comprehensive open access regional online journal in the field of anesthesia, intensive care and pain medicine. The journal is making an incredible impact in the regional scientific community. From the very beginning, we found that we could attract submissions from all over the world. We have tried to combine the excellent original research work with quality contributions from the reviewers. During the first year, we have learned that careful steps would yield constructive results. One step at a time gave remarkable difference. We found that “slow and steady ....” is still practical in our scenario.

Number of changes has occurred after the publication of the first issue. The first issue was published in print version. In September 2014, the second issue was published online and in printed version. Later, the inaugural issue was also uploaded in electronic version, with the vision that it would reach the audiences all over the world. The journal now is indexed and is available online. Online submissions using Open Journal System (OJS), revisions and resubmissions through the submission page and tracking the progress of the articles online are the key beneficial features of the journal.

The first volume (two issues) covered different aspects of anesthesia, intensive care and pain medicine. History’s mysteries about anesthesia and intensive care in Nepal were revealed in two articles. There were three articles published in the topic of airway management. Perioperative care and its different aspects like waiting time and emergency surgery were also discussed. The first two issues also covered the field of regional anesthesia. One article covered the use of intrathecal morphine during caesarean section, enrolling patient from the safe motherhood program, funded by Government of Nepal. Super specialty care like cardiac anesthesia, anesthesia for gastrointestinal procedures were also covered. Problems in Intensive care and anesthesia education were also included.

JSAN would like to thank all for the support, submissions and reviews. We hope to improve and expand in the future, of course with the ongoing support. We are in the process of collecting valuable suggestions from experts from different other areas too to make JSAN a prominent educative forum. We are also planning to invite international editors to give this journal a wider horizon.

We have travelled a long journey for professional development in the field of anesthesiology. JSAN carries the voice of all for the same mission. Let’s give this motto a meaning...“Together we can”.