Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine (IAFM) was one of the earliest National Medical Association registered in 1972 under the Goa Societies Act. Incidentally, it was registered in Goa Medical College, which one of the oldest medical education school of the Asia. Thanks to the contribution of founder General Secretary, Late Dr. Jagmohan Sharma.

As a General Secretary of this Governing Council (2019-2022), I will always pray for blessing of all those visionaries who were founder of IAFM and also will beg for support and cooperation from all existing members of the Academy, especially younger one, as we are approaching Golden Jubilee of the IAFM in year 2022.

Since the inception of Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine in 1972, its life membership has shown a steady increase by crossing the significant number of 1400 in the year 2019. The credit for this achievement of IAFM undoubtedly goes to the past office bearers who have struggled hard to raise the Academy to its present stage and stature. With efforts from Governing Council for 2016-2019 under able leadership of Dr. Kalpesh Shah (immediate Past President) and Dr. Madhu Ghodkirekar (immediate Past Secretary).

The official web site of IAFM was launched in the year 2012, has witnessed considerable number of visitors besides its own members who are accessing the information covering a wide range of IAFM’s activities which include holding of annual conferences, publication of Journal of IAFM and many more.

This Governing Council express gratitude towards previous Governing Council for their efforts put in this project and assures commitment to take their mission ahead with the same spirit and enthusiasm, which they had at the time of launching it. With information and technology at the tip of finger, world has come closer than ever. The social media has become part of life.

The importance of ethical values, responsiveness to the needs of the patient and acquisition of communication skills is underscored by providing dedicated curriculum.
time in the form of a longitudinal program based on Attitude, Ethics and Communication (AETCOM) competencies. Great emphasis has been placed on collaborative and interdisciplinary teamwork, professionalism, altruism and respect in professional relationships with due sensitivity to differences in thought, social and economic position and gender.

Faculty of Forensic Medicine can play a great role in implementation of AETCOM Module. Current Leadership of IAFM can be a driving force in this regard. I am expecting new General Council (2019-22) will not leave any stone unturned in this regard.

The IAFM visualized that the Indian Medical Graduate, at the end of the undergraduate training program, should be able to recognize "health for all" as a national goal and should be able to fulfill his/her societal obligations towards the realization of this goal. To fulfill the mandate of the undergraduate medical curriculum which is to produce a clinician, who understands and is able to provide preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and holistic care to his patients, the curriculum must enunciate clearly the competencies the student must be imparted and must have learnt, with clearly defined teaching-learning strategies and effective methods of assessment. The student should be trained to effectively communicate with patients and their relatives in a manner respectful of the patient's preferences, values, beliefs, confidentiality and privacy and to this purpose, a book on Attitude, Ethics & Communication was prepared by the Medical Council of India.

Long Live IAFM!

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