

ICA News letter, 2003-2004

Editorial

We are indeed very happy to bring out the first issue of the Online News Letter of the Indian Crystallographic Association (ICA). Professor M. Vijayan, President of the ICA, kindly agreed to write the foreword in which he has provided an enlightened historical perspective of the development of crystallography in India. Since this was the first issue, it was considered appropriate to solicit articles from some of the senior crystallographers who have attempted to provide an overview of the major activities their groups or Institutions have been engaged in. The articles represent a spectrum of crystallographic research being practiced across the country. Of course, the coverage was not meant to be exhaustive. However, we can fill in for this limitation in future issues. Now that a beginning has been made, generous contributions from the crystallographic community in terms of articles on diverse topics of contemporary interest will help sustain continuity as well as broaden coverage in future issues. Those who wish to contribute articles for the next issue or make suggestions are encouraged to write to me.

I would like to thank all the crystallographer colleagues who readily agreed and promptly submitted their articles for this issue. Bringing out the news letter would not have been possible but for the efforts of Dr. K. Sekar and his team, who have not only designed and maintained the ICA website, but have also composed the news letter for the online format.

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