

Editorial

Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, "it will be happier..."

- Alfred Lord Tennyson

As the year 2020 is reaching towards its fag end, hope and aspiration are rising from the coming year 2021. World is craving to come out of the pandemic while the mankind has lost a great deal during last few months due to Covid-19. Many have lost their jobs, several have lost means of lively hood and businesses and a large number of them have lost their near and dear ones. The losses are irreparable, but the untiring human spirit keeps the world moving sturdy and strong. So compelling has been the spirit of ISEG that the society kept on functioning ceaselessly even during the pandemic especially, the editorial team. Amid the on-going pandemic, long pending issue of the Journal of Engineering Geology (Vol. 43) was published online at the same time ISEG Newsletter (April 2020) issue was also brought out, adhering to the time limit. During the lockdown and days following it, the editorial team has been constantly receiving papers for the journal. Our endeavour has always been to publish various papers submitted by authors at the earliest after completing due process of reviewing and acceptance.

It gives me immense pleasure in bringing out Volume XLIV of the Journal of Engineering Geology. In this issue, remaining 06 accepted papers from EGCON-2018, held at Hyderabad, India during 3rd to 5th December 2018 are published in "Section-A" of the journal. The others have already been published in the previous Volume XLIII. This fulfils the long standing demand of esteemed authors and senior life members of the Society. The same has also been agreed by the Council.

Overall, the present issue carries 10 nos. technical and research papers. In "Section-B", four other very interesting research papers received directly from various author has been published after being reviewed by our peers. Although this is a back volume, but authors have given their consent for publication their papers in the current volume. I'm sincerely grateful to all authors of the published papers for this kind gesture and faith in our journal.

The publishing of this volume of the journal is made possible by the encouragement and support of Shri A.K. Singh, President, ISEG and Shri S.L. Kapil, Secretary, ISEG. My sincere gratitude to all editorial board members and reviewers of papers published in this volume for taking out time from their busy schedule for reviewing the manuscripts. Last but not the least, my sincere gratitude to Shri Vipul Nagar, Joint Editor, for his relentless support and assistance.

This Volume XLIV, Nos. 1 & 2 will be extremely useful for readers as it contains interesting information and data on variety of topics concerning engineering geology. I believe the readers will be highly benefited by the papers published in this volume.

Stay Safe, Stay Blessed!

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With regards,

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