

Editorial

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope”

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Publishing this volume has been a great challenge. As we all understand, major contribution for the journal comes from technical papers presented during ISEG conferences and seminars held every year. But unfortunately, for the last two years consecutively, the society could not organise any such event. During 2019, it was due to hard pressing responsibilities of several council members for the successful organisation of one of the most prestigious events of the geological fraternity i.e. International Geological Congress (IGC) at New Delhi, that no ISEG conference could be conducted. Subsequently, Covid-19 pandemic put an end to all the hopes of organising any such event during the year 2020. Therefore, availability of good quality papers for the volume XLV of the journal due for June and December 2020 issues was a *recherché*. But the society didn't lose hope since it had great expectations from the coming year 2021.

Our esteemed Secretary in his New Year greetings profoundly urged all members to contribute articles for the journal and newsletter. Editorial team was also hankering for good quality papers. Our yearning received a good response and journal received five very good quality papers which are being published in this volume.

It gives me immense pleasure in bringing out Volume XLV, Nos. 1 & 2 of the *Journal of Engineering Geology* within the stipulated schedule. The credit for the publication of this volume goes to our dynamic President, Er. A. K. Singh for his enormous trust and support and Mr. S.L. Kapil, Secretary, ISEG who has tirelessly encouraged and guided the editorial team. My sincere gratitude to all editorial board members and also to the peers for timely reviewing the papers.

This volume carries two very interesting papers by Dr. Bineshian Hoss, Principal, Consultancy Head, Amberg Engineering AG, Australia and now esteemed member of the ISEG editorial board. Out of the several offers received for publishing his work, he generously espoused *Journal of Engineering Geology* to publish his very innovative work. Journal is extremely grateful for his trust and support. I'm sincerely grateful to all other authors also for the kind gesture and faith in our journal.

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With regards,

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