

Editorial

It is with great pleasure we launch this third issue of the Journal of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka. The College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka is the professional organization of specialists in the discipline of Community Medicine.

The main purpose of this journal is to provide and fulfil the need for an academic journal in the discipline of Community Medicine. In the *presidential address*, the origin and development of the Family Health Programme in Sri Lanka is summarized, indicating its substantial contribution to the improvement of the health status of the people of our country. The *leading article* deals with sexually transmitted diseases, which are an emerging problem. It highlights the emergence of new diseases such as Herpes Simplex infection,

HIV /AIDS and the problem of drug resistance. The *original paper* on 'Sexual behaviour of Advanced Level student in Southern Sri Lanka' emphasizes the importance of appropriate reproductive health education in schools. The other *original paper* indicates the importance of counselling in the selection of a family planning method. The concept of Reproductive Health is *reviewed*. A *brief report* on the Roll Back Malaria Initiatives presents new approaches to the control of malaria with special emphasis on the proposed Sri Lankan effort.

Maintaining high professional standard while encouraging young authors to contribute scientific papers to our journal has been a challenge. We earnestly request the members to enrich this journal with their contribution to make this venture a reality.

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