Dear friends,

It is indeed a pleasure to bring out yet another issue of the Nepal Journal of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprology (NJDVL) by an entirely new editorial team on the eve of the 9th National Conference of the Society of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists of Nepal SODVELON (SODVELON). The journal has been an official organ of the society and over the years and has helped in the dissemination and sharing of scientific dermatological information among doctors across the country and beyond since its very inception.

Like every year, we have attempted to incorporate scientific information appropriate to the context of the region, through original research articles and case reports, as well as abstracts from leading international journals that are presumed to be recent and of interest to our readers along with the updated information regarding the upcoming conferences.

It is indeed a matter of great pride to us that the journal is available now on line and more efforts are being made to get it indexed which will bear the fruit very soon. The editorial board expresses sincere thanks to all the contributors, who helped us by providing useful manuscripts for this journal, and to the pharmaceutical companies for providing us their advertisement. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the international and national advisors of the editorial board, whose advice and guidance has been invaluable.

Lastly, in spite of every effort, this issue still might have various shortcomings and we welcome your opinions and comments regarding the journal. Your valuable response & suggestions will surely help for further improvements in bringing out the subsequent issues we can all be proud of.

The Editorial Team, NJDVL, 2012