Dear Colleagues:

We are presenting a new look Journal of Engineering Geology commencing from Volume XXXVIII, Issue 1 (July 2013). This has long been discussed since the new body took over in January 2013. It has been further debated in the GBM held on June 14th at Hyderabad and also in the Council meeting held on July 20th, 2013.

With the blessings of the entire council and in particular encouragement by the President, Dr Gopal Dhawan, the Secretary, Shri M. Raju it has been possible to achieve the above. This issue contains the full papers which were presented at the National Workshop on "Contemporary Practices in Engineering Geology and Geohazards, Hyderabad, June 14th 2013". These papers have been received from the authors in June-July 2013 and have been processed for publication according to process described at the website joegindia.com.

The National Workshop at Hyderabad brought into focus many engineering geological issues from peninsular India and also interesting aspects related to landslide studies. As a number of seminars and conferences are held on engineering geological problems in the Himalayas mostly related to hydroelectric power projects, this is an excellent detour from inveterate reading and analysis.

Lastly, I thank my Joint Editor, Shri Rahul Khanna for the great job in editorial assistance. We shall be eagerly waiting from your feedback and suggestions.

Imran Sayeed Editor