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**January–February 2019 Best Reviewer of the Issue – Fazil Marickar**

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Dr. YM Fazil Marickar, MS, MAMS, PhD (Urology), FAMS, FAS, FIMSA, FEMSI is the Vice Chancellor of the Mount Zion International University of Rwanda, East Africa and Dean, Mount Zion Medical College, Adoor, India. He has been a Medical teacher for 47 years in Surgery and Urology and has been a guide for twenty students pursuing PhD degree. He has authored eight text books, various chapters in medical books and over 300 publications in medical journals. He has done extensive research on urinary stone disease. He has completed 48 funded research

projects of the ICMR, CSIR, KSST, SBMR, ASIKC and University of Kerala. His main interest in research is Urinary stone disease concentrating on the aetiology and preventive aspects of stone disease. He has evolved fool proof prophylaxis against the common idiopathic calcium oxalate urinary stone. He has attended 29 international conferences, presented 140 guest lectures and scientific papers and chaired scientific sessions. He has presented over 1100 papers in scientific medical conferences in national and international level. He is currently the Chief Editor of Kerala Surgical Journal, member of the editorial board of Urolithiasis and reviewer for over twenty international medical and educational journals. He has been examiner for various undergraduate and post graduate medical examinations and adjudicator for PHD from various Universities in India and abroad. He has been member of the International Consulting Committee on Urolithiasis for the last thirty years. He is an active member of the International Urolithiasis Society, British Association of Urological Surgeons, Society International de Urology and various national associations. He is presently President of the Association of Genito Urinary Surgeons of India and Governing Council member of the Association of Surgeons of India 2013 – 2018. He has delivered various prestigious orations and guest lectures in India and abroad. He was awarded the best doctor award of the Kerala State in 2000. Reviewing and editing thesis submissions and papers for publication have been of ardent interest to Dr. Marickar. Being a reviewer for *Urology Journal* has been a very fruitful experience. Many submissions have grammatical errors; hence the correction at basic levels takes the prime focus of reviewing papers. The reviewer has to feel himself to be a layman in the subject and try to see whether the publication will benefit the lay reader. Papers are primarily meant for the ordinary reader interested in learning the topic and not just meant for experts in the field. The introduction of any paper should clarify the intention of the paper and make it understandable to the basic reader. Too much of statistical jargons should be avoided for the sake of the common reader. The formatting of the paper and the references should be done based on the requirements of the journal to which the paper is submitted for publication. Plagiarism has to be screened by the reviewer, if not done at the journal office level. Reviewers should not be harsh in rejecting papers. Authors should be given opportunity to correct errors and explain their stand. Peer review should help in increasing the quality of the paper. This responsibility lies with the reviewer. Last but not the least, the reviewer has to accept all the invitations and return the reviewed article at the earliest and not wait for the last date for submission. Many reviewers are lost due to procrastination. Dr. Marickar was chosen as the best reviewer(s) of the issue by the editorial board of The *Urology Journal* for his valuable and timely review of manuscript.