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It is with mixed feelings that I present Vol. 59 of the **BOMBAY TECHNOLOGIST** for the calendar year 2009. This issue has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and I hope to correct it in the next issue. The year 2009 has seen the beginning of a lot of academic and administrative reforms at various levels of study at ICT. Both the faculty and the students are coping, rather well, with these changes, and it is hoped that it will be smooth sailing for all concerned with passage of time.

In this issue, we are presenting three invited lectures given by our distinguished speakers on various endowments who have willingly shared their collective wisdom, experience and expertise. These could become the spring board of ideas for at least a few of ICTians. I hope we can continue this trend for which I seek cooperation from all faculty.

I wish to place on record the cooperation I received from one and all - all the members of my editorial board, referees of papers submitted to **BOMBAY TECHNOLOGIST**, secretaries, volunteers, all the Heads of Department who willingly obliged by complying with everything that was requested of them.

It is heartening to note that our research culture has become so strong that the number of pages of colloquia reports of all research students in the calendar year 2009 far exceeded the volume of the articles in the issue. Hence, for economic reasons, we are not printing them in the issue but would upload them on the space created on the website for **BOMBAY TECHNOLOGIST**.

I am afraid the financial support to this activity is dwindling on one side and the cost of the publication is increasing on the other. As other activities in the institute including those of the Technological Association are demanding more and more funds, mainly from our well wishers, this important activity should not suffer from paucity of funds. I appeal to my fellow colleagues to gather more support to strengthen this activity.

I hope that you will enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed compiling it.

With regards,

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