Editorial

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Resonance has been around, and grown from strength to strength these past seven years. This is no mean achievement considering that even commercially backed and professionally managed popular science magazines like Science Today (Times of India) and later Science Age could not sustain themselves, not just for financial reasons, and have become defunct. Even though I was associated with the Resonance since its genesis, I was one of the doubting Thomases, wondering aloud in a Council Meeting if the Indian Academy of Sciences can indeed sustain a journal of this nature, bringing out a number month after month. I cited the case of how even the University Grants Commission found it difficult to continue with their educational series on basic sciences. In hindsight I rejoice that we persevered and Resonance won out. So it was with much pleasure that I was rejoining Resonance and its able and dedicated team of editors and staff in January 2003.

In addition to local approbation, the admiration that a few copies of Resonance I had carried with me aroused among my European colleagues, is a sure pointer that we are moving in the right direction. Our anxiety now is to make this journal of science education still better and continue to remain relevant and responsive to the needs of quality science teaching in the country. I have deviated from the earlier pattern of editorials in the interests of introspection and finding immediate and future coordinates for my colleagues and, myself at Resonance. I felt very flattered when asked by a top scientist, who has been the President of the Indian Academy of Sciences and the Indian National Science Academy, if we would care to have back numbers of Resonance translated into Spanish and French. Coming from him, it is high praise indeed.