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Great satisfaction prevails when yet another year is to end. Taking stock of the deadlines met, progresses made and gives lots of input to plan for the future. Personally it has been a memorable year for me, travelling across the country, meeting members, leading our association and I do hope I lived up to your expectations. We will recollect some of them as we chart our way into 2013.



I am happy that the concept of the 'Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Day' on 15th July, 2012 was a success. Members made a difference in the lives of people by doing free surgeries. The press conferences held in various places brought great visibility to the specialty. Internationally it brought us attention



Thank you all for making the APSICON 2012 a great success. It had the record attendance in delegates and trade participation and hope we will make it in the surplus in the balance sheet also. I on behalf of the organizing team would invite suggestions as to what you think the association should do with conference funds for the future growth of the specialty. Another special event in this conference was presence of members from several neighbouring countries. This led to a special meeting of these representatives, and a seed has been sown for SAARC conclave.

I realize that being the President of our association is just another opportunity to serve the specialty. I thank all of you for giving me that opportunity and assure you that I will continue to do it in the years to come in all the ways possible. I also thank the members of the EC particularly our Secretary Dr Atul Shah and our Treasurer Dr. Shailesh Ranade for making the council meetings enjoyable and purposeful.

Wish you all a very Happy 2013 ahead.

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh
President, Association of Plastic Surgeons of India.



Know your Executives - 2013

Dr. Ashok K. Gupta –President 2013

Dr. Ashok K. Gupta is a highly accomplished surgeon and teacher affiliated to Grant Medial College, Saifi Hospital and Bombay Hospital & Medical Research Centre. Having completed all his primary medical and



surgical education from Government Medical College, Nagpur, he visited The Nuffield Research Centre and the Department of Plastic Surgery at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury (Oxford Region), the Birmingham Accident Hospital (Midland Region), The Derriford Hospital, Plymouth (Deven Port Region), the Royal Marsden Hospital and the St. Georges Hospital, London at United Kingdom from 1979 to 1982. Despite many odds, he continues to help the poor in backward areas in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan. He has extended his highly specialized services to the victims of a number of natural and man-made calamities such as riots during the post Lok Sabha Election 1984, Babri Masjid related violent episodes 1992, the infamous Serial Mumbai Bomb Blasts 1993, heroes of Kargil War, victims of

Bhuj Earth Quake, terrorist attack at Akshardham Temple at Gujarat, 2002, Serial Bomb Blasts in Mumbai 2003, Train Bomb Blasts in Mumbai 2006 and the Terrorists Attack / Siege of Mumbai on 26th November 2008. He is the founder member of the World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, and also holds Executive Offices He had also represented India for eight years as the “National Secretary for India” at the “International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery”.

Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sharma –President Elect and Vice President 2013

Dr. Ramesh Sharma is Professor and Head of Department of Plastic Surgery as well as Chairman of hospital infection Control Committee at Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Chandigarh. He is also Director of Smile train PGI Cleft Center since 2007. Dr. Sharma was recently awarded CBK Oration from North Zone Association of Plastic Surgeons of India. He was a Visiting Professor for Brazilian



Association of Plastic Surgery in 2009-10, and Gen N.C. Sanyal visiting Professor in Plastic Surgery 2005-06 as well as Ethicon visiting Professor in Plastic surgery 2004-05 in our association. He received World Health Organization fellowship in 1993-94. Dr. Sharma is Reviewer for Indian Journal of Plastic surgery, Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Indian Journal of Medical Research, Journal of Burn Care and rehabilitation, Journal of Indian Association of Pediatric Surgery and Indian Journal of Burns.

He is known for his unique Clinical initiatives such as Craniofacial and cleft clinic for patients with craniofacial deformities and facio-maxillary injuries. The Craniofacial Surgery subspecialty was started in PGIMER in 1995 and till date more than 500 craniofacial surgeries have been performed in the department. PGIMER is the only center in North of Delhi where this type of surgery is being undertaken. Under Dr. Sharma there is a Breast Reconstruction Program, one of the few centers in the country where post- mastectomy reconstruction is being offered to the patient. Dr. Sharma has published new classifications for abdominal wall defects. Perforator flaps and Fronto-basilar fractures. His innovative Medial canthal fixation procedure has been well received and his paper on ‘Reducing citation errors’ gives excellent guideline to budding authors

Dr.V.Bhattacharya – Member of the APSI Trust



Dr.V.Bhattacharya is Senior Professor, Department of Plastic Surgery at the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. President of the Association for 2008, he is engaged in Clinical Research persistently since 1984 and has to his credit 53 International, 51 National Publications and 5 Chapters in Books. Recipient of 23 Academic Awards & Fellowships, Delivered 21 Orations and 67 Guest Lectures, presented 253 papers, conducted six live operative demonstrations in various national conferences and workshops, supervised 43 Research Projects. He is Member of the Editorial/Advisory Committee of five national and international journals including JPRAS, International Journal of Burns and Trauma and IJPS. He is M.Ch. Examiner of 16 Institutions. He is only third person to have Ph. D. in Plastic Surgery in India.

Dr. Atul Kumar Shah - Secretary 2013-15



Dr. Atul Kumar Shah is re-elected uncontested as Secretary for the second term. He is in private practice in Vadodra, Gujarat. He is first MCh in specialty from any university in Gujarat. He also holds MPhil in Hospitals and Health Systems Management from BITS as well as MPhil in Cosmetology. He has advocated a process on micro-grafting for vitiligo and has published on the subjects of depigmented lesions and melasma. He obtained a post graduate diploma in Medical Law and Ethics from National Law University of Bangalore and is currently pursuing masters in Law. He has been convener of the Legal Cell of our association and has published papers as well as delivered lectures on several medico-legal topics. He was instrumental in bringing new system of executive committee elections in our association.

Dr. Ashok Raj Kaul – Member of Executive Council 2013-15

Dr. Ashok Koul is the Chief of Plastic, Cosmetic, Micro-vascular and Hand surgery in Sparsh Hospital, Bangalore. Dr. Koul obtained his MS in General Surgery and MCh in plastic surgery from PGIMER, Chandigarh. This was followed by a one year fellowship in Micro-vascular Surgery in Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad. From 1996 to 2007, before moving to Sparsh Hospital, Bangalore, he headed the Department of Plastic, Cosmetic, Micro-vascular and Hand surgery in Medical Trust Hospital, Cochin, a 750-bedded tertiary care facility, which is one of the oldest super-specialty hospitals in South India. With over 150 replantation of amputated limbs and digits, over 750 flaps, over 200 critical revascularizations and over 250 micro neural reconstructions including brachial plexus and about two decades of experience, Dr Koul is recognized as one of India's finest micro vascular surgeons.



Dr Koul is an active member of the Indian Society of Reconstructive Micro Surgery where he holds an executive position. Dr Koul was involved in cleft correction and treatment of other congenital defects and was involved with the Smile Train. He helped initiate and manage the Kerala Instructional Course in Plastic Surgery, a CME course organized every 4 months covering the entire plastic surgery curriculum, a first for the country. A winner of many awards including the Ethicon Travelling Professorship for Microsurgery for the year 2006-07 by the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India he has authored several papers and contributed to books and journals.

Dr. G. S. Kalra – Member of Executive Council 2013-15

Dr. G.S.Kalra was born on. 11 Nov 1958. He is senior Surgeon / consultant at the SMS Medical College & Hospital Jaipur, and Professor of Plastic Surgery. Dr. G.S. Kalra is a medical graduate from the prestigious



King Georges Medical College, Lucknow, where he did his post-graduation (MS) in general surgery under the able guidance of an eminent surgeon, Professor Dr. P.C. Dubey. Dr. G.S.Kalra had his further training in plastic surgery and did super specialization M.Ch. under Professor S.K. Bhatnagar .He was trained in the field of craniofacial surgery by Prof. Ian T. Jackson of the Mayo clinic USA. Further He was trained in the field of micro vascular surgery by Dr. Robert Acland of USA. He has delivered several lecture at national and international seminars and presented more than 100 research papers. He has published several new technics and published more than 20 research paper in national and international Journals.

Dr. Vijay Kumar – Member of Executive Council 2013-15

Dr. Vijay Kumar is Professor of Plastic Surgery at King George Medical University Lucknow. He graduated



from King George's Medical College Lucknow, completed his post-graduation from GSVM Medical College Kanpur. He did his MCh in Plastic Surgery from King George's Medical College Lucknow in 1999, as well as DNB Plastic Surgery. Currently he is also working as Assistant dean Students Welfare, additional proctor at King George Medical University Lucknow, secretary IMA Lucknow branch. He is recipient of Kilner Essay Award of APSI 2002, and received various travelling fellowships of APSI. He is an associate editor of National journal of Maxillo-facial surgery, co-editor journal of society of wound care and research, and on editorial board of various journals. He has published more than 35 papers in various national and international journals, delivered many guest lectures.

Reviewers / Judges for various awards of APSI for 2012-14

i. Kilner Essay	Dr. Mukund Thatte,	Dr.U.R.Nandkumar,	Dr. Shashank Cheterjee
ii. Peet Prize Reviewers	Dr James Roy Kanjoor,	Dr. Jyostna Murthy,	Dr.Mukunda Jagannathan
Peet Prize Judges	Dr Mukund Reddy ,	Dr. Ramesh Sharma,	Dr. Subramanian Aiyer
iii. Junior Best Paper	Dr. V.Bhattacharya,	Dr.Col.Prem.S.Bhandari,	Dr. Hari Venkatramni
iv. Kamath Best Poster	Dr. Vijay Obed,	Dr. K. Ramchandran,	Dr. Rakesh Khajanchi
v. McNeil Audio Visual	Dr John Omen,	Dr. S.S. Daddi,	Dr. Partha Sadhu
vi. R N Sinha Best Paper	Editor	President	Secretary
vii. N H Antia Best Publication	Dr Raja Sabapathy,	Dr. Padam Singh Bhandari,	Dr. Vijay Joseph
Viii. Armed Forces Endowment	Dr Ashok Raj Kaul,	Dr. Tejinder Bhatti,	Dr.Yogesh Bhatt

Draft Minutes of the General Body Meeting held at Lucknow on 7th November, 2012

Draft Minutes of General Body Meeting of 7th November, 2012, held during 47th Annual Conference Of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India at KGMC, Lucknow

1. Opening Remarks by the President.

House was called to order. The President welcomed all members to Lucknow. He informed the house that we have 648 registrations, 112 accompanying persons, 19 delegates from Pakistan, 12 from Bangladesh, 3 from Sri Lanka and 4 from Nepal. He thanked all members present in the meeting for attending the conference in such a large number. He assured that lot of things will be crystallized through the discussions of this meeting.

2. Obituaries

The members were informed about sad demise of Dr. Hirannah of Bangalore, who was one of the founder members of the association. We also lost one of our very young member Dr. Deepak Ahuja of Kanpur. Members also remembered Dr. Fernando Ortiz-Monasterio of Mexico and Dr. Daniel Marchac of France. Silence was observed in memory of the departed souls.

3. Reading the circular for meeting.

The circular with agenda was printed and circulated along with newsletters no. 61 of April, 2012 and no. 62 of August 2012. It was read to members.

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous General Body meeting held on 10th September, 2011 at Coimbatore.

The draft minutes were circulated through newsletter no 60 of December, 2011. The minutes were passed. Proposed by Dr. S. N. Sharma and seconded by Dr. Sadhotara.

5. Secretary's Report

Secretary read out report of activities throughout the year during the inauguration. He informed that in this year 56 new members have joined the association. For the APSICON2010 Research award for 2011, entry from Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital has been selected by the jury. The research participants are Dr. Rajeev Ahuja, Dr. Prabhat Srivatsav, Dr. Rajat Gupta and Dr. Gaurav Gupta. This group has gracefully conveyed to donate the entire sum of Rs. One lac thirty thousand to the general corpus of APSI. He also announced first such support grant for a social cause from APSI-Humanitarian Corpus to Lioness Club of Alibagh for conducting free reconstructive surgery camp in rural area of Alibagh, Maharashtra. The IJPS since we met in September 2011, has published 4 issues – two regular and two extremely popular theme issue on 'Hand' and 'Wound'. The records 34,000 to 46,000 hits every month and on more than 80% of the occasions the whole paper is downloaded and not just the Abstract browsed. Our electronic peer-review system for authors and editors is rated amongst the friendliest in the world as is evident by article

submissions from all over the world. As part of the report following awards were rectified by General Body.

Fellowships and grant awards

- APSI-APSICON2010 Research Grant (Retrospective)- LNJP Hospital
- APSI-15th IPRAS 2009 Humanitarian Activities Fund – Lioness Club of Alibagh
- APSI-APSICON2010 International Traveling Fellowship (Retrospective)-Dr Ram Chilgar
- APSI fellowship to attend APSICON 2012
 - Dr Prasenjit Goswami
 - Dr Pallab Chatterjee

Travelling awards announced during CME inauguration

- Ethicon Plastic Surgery Travelling Fellowship – 2011 Dr. Anubhav Gupta
- Ethicon traveling fellowship in Microsurgery – 2011 Dr. Durga Karki
- Ethicon cosmetic surgery traveling fellowship – 2011 Dr. R. Sridhar
- Brig. Kathpalia fship hand surgery – 11Dr. G I Nambi
- Myovatec Plastic surgery – 2011Dr. Srinjoy Saha
- Vasudhan Arjin – 2011Dr. Sushil Nahar
- K.E.M. Microsurgery – 2011 DR.RAJ KUMAR MANAS
- IX IPRAS surplus fund awards
 - International travelling fellowship – 2011 Dr. YURI DIAS-AMBORCAR
 - National travelling fellowship – 2011 Dr. Smita Dhane
- Chennai fund for training outside Tamil Nadu – 2011 Dr.Sanjai RamKumar

Awards given at the Inaugural Function

- Plastic Surgeon of the Year 2012 award – “The DR KS Shekar endowment ”
 - Prof K. S. Goleria
- Visiting Professorship Awards
 - Ethicon Visiting Professorship in Plastic Surgery – 2011 Dr Mukund Jagannathan
 - Ethicon Visiting Professorship in Cosmetic Surgery – 2011 Dr. Rakesh Kalra
 - Gen. N.C Sanyal - Armed Forces Professorship– 2011 – Dr Pradeep Bhargav
- Oration Awards
 - Gilles Oration (2012) – Dr. Mukund Thatte
 - Shushruta Oration - Dr. Bhagwat Mathur - UK
 - Dr. M. M. Mukherjee - Dr. Col. P.S. Bhandari
 - Godrej Visiting Professor - Dr. David Johnson
 - Dr. C. Balakrishnan Oration - Dr. P.K. Bilwani
 - Dr. A C Ganguli Memorial - Dr. Karoon Agarwal
 - Dr. S. N. Sharma Endowment Lecture(2012)- Dr. A. Gopalakrishna
- Competition prizes
 - Peet Prize - 2011–Dr. Yograj Handoo
 - Kilner Essay Award - 11–Dr. Dinesh Kadam
 - APSI Junior Best Paper - 2011Dr. Seema Mittal
 - MCNeil Prize audio-visual presentation – 2011 Dr. Mrinalini Sharma
 - Kammath Memorial prize for best poster – 2011 Dr. Selva Seetha Raman S.
 - N H Antia best publication award – 2010 Dr. Pramod Kumar
 - Army Endowment best report- 2010 Dr. Subramania Iyer
 - R. N. Sinha award for best paper Published in IJPS in 2010 Dr. G.I.Nambi

Following reports have been received and approved by the executive council for awards

- Reports of Professorships for 2012
 - o Ethicon Visiting Professorship in Plastic Surgery - 2012 Prof. G. S. Kalra
 - o Ethicon Visiting Professorship in Microsurgery - 2012 Dr. Prabha Yadav
 - o Ethicon Visiting Professorship in Cosmetic Surgery - 2012 Dr. Lokesh Kumar
 - o Gen. N.C Sanyal - Armed Forces Professorship– 2012 Dr. Anil Behl
- Reports accepted for Grants 2012
 - o Mumbai Fund – Dr. Vinita Puri
 - o Maharashtra Fund – Dr Amresh Baliarsing
 - o UP Fund – Dr. Rajiv Agarwal
 - o Gujarat Fund – Dr. Kinnari Vyas
 - o Venture Fund- Secretary for membership directory
 - o Dr. C. R. Sunderarajan Memorial CME Fund - Dr. Jyotsna Murthy
- Reports accepted for Training Fellowships
 - o Ethicon traveling fellowship in Microsurgery – 2012 Dr. G. I. Nambi
 - o Ethicon cosmetic surgery traveling fellowship – 2012 Dr. Preeti Pandya
 - o R.G. Saraiya international fellowship – 2012Dr. Sushil Nahar
 - o Brig. Kathpalia fellowship in hand surgery – 2012Dr. S. S. Selva
 - o Myovatec fellowship for training in Plastic surgery – 2012Dr. Amit Agarwal
 - o VasudhanArjin Fellowship in Laser Surgery – 2012Dr. Sandeep Kansal
 - o IX IPRAS international travelling fellowship - 2012 Dr. Srinjoy Saha
 - o Chennai fund for training in Tamil Nadu – 2012Dr. Biju Murali
 - o Chennai fund for training outside Tamil Nadu – 2012Dr. Anuradha Patil

The report of the secretary was accepted, proposed by Dr. Ramesh Chandra and seconded by Dr. V. Bhattacharya.

6. Editor's Report

The editor stated that we are turning a new page in the journey of publication of IJPS with sustained campaign to improve documentation and presentations of the papers, we have attracted 240 papers from January 1, 2012 till date. In these almost third are from overseas. We are improving and now yearning for very good papers and citations. The acceptance rate is also reaching 50 % with all the efforts.

Our new publisher Wolters Kluwer Health acquired Medknow Publications in December, 2011. They also publish PRS and Annals of Plastic Surgery. They now have Ovid, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins journals, and Medknow brands. So with an International publisher IJPS looks every bit International. New features such as author institution mapping, SMS alerts, article and issue access statistics, etc. are being welcomed by all. The support team mails to additional email IDs searched from various sources to increase journal's visibility. The journal is strengthened with Ovid (OA) with OvidSP Platform and Medknow content are available on OvidSP platform. Ovid Open Access is integrating thousands of open access (OA) resources from PMC (formerly known as PubMed Central). This is creating exciting opportunities to increase our journal brand and revenue with direct links to the PDF article.

E visibility

During the last 1 year our E journal has recorded 34,000 to 46,000 hits every month. Theme issues have always performed exceptionally! We have article wise download statistics and we routinely upload the previous month's performance on the 1st working day of the next month on yahoo group. We can Improve Impact factor when authors cite newer references and preferably from journals which are already in SCI/JCR. Too many old references will not help getting index in any of major bibliographic

databases. Efficient review process and short turnaround time are equally important. We are hence concentrating on trying to avoid case reports and short communications as they are not reviewed and cited as serious research papers. Further we are gadget friendly with a Quick response code, and Android applications that are optimized for mobile, iPod, iPad, and also E-Pub for hand held devices, as well as E-Book for desktop. We also follow Researcher ID and ORCID.

Why do we insist on being open access when restricting access can earn some \$ from overseas? This is mainly because it has been shown in many studies that open access journals get 2.5 times more citations than subscription based journals. Again restriction and asking for payments may never be profitable in the long run. Our E visibility is our strength, and reports on the net shows that most international journals are citing articles from IJPS now.

Coloured Illustrations are being restricted only in Print. All illustrations in E-journal are coloured. We do not charge author for coloured illustrations. They look good but are costly to print. Also some times the quality of illustrations is poor and in our strive to meet the international standards, we have to alter the printing styles. One way to increase revenue is to start charging for insertion of coloured illustrations.

Need for ethical Committee clearance for specific variety of papers has become necessary, and such papers get excluded because of absence of clearance. Any study on human subjects or animals should have a clearance from the institution's ethical committee, in accordance with the Helsinki Declaration of 1975, as revised in 2000. The fact that it is cleared should be clearly mentioned in the Material & Methods. He stressed about the need of proper construction and proper terms of reference for the institutional ethics committee.

Need for structured Abstracts. It is the Abstract which comes up in PubMed search. It is like a decorated window of a department store – the shopper can either get attracted and enter the store or simply ignore it

Need for I Pad application, quoted at Rs. 4 Lac for initial registration.

Dr Surajit thanked the Editorial Board. He stated that Editorial Advisory Board also has been wonderfully cooperative. It has re-written articles that had good science but were presented poorly. It also helped in bringing out excellent theme issue, adjudicated disputes swiftly and painlessly and above all pitched in with suggestions to improve content.

Editor whole heartedly thanked the reviewers. He said that they are the selfless souls who decide the quality of our Journal. They are International, unbiased and occult. They improve the quality of the papers, suggest useful references and reforms, augment the original text, and at times suggest alternative journals. We are constantly inviting new reviewers. This leads to faster review process, as invited reviewers are likely to respond faster with better quality of review. These expert are chosen based on published papers on the subject and helps us when referees turning into authors send papers as well as more people getting aware about the journal. This can also avoid burnout of existing reviewers.

Editor presented summary of account for 2011-12 and stressed on requirement for advertisements as well as funds, because corpus interest is insufficient.

Editor's report was accepted proposed by Dr. S.P Bajaj and seconded by Dr. J.K. Sinha

Editor continued further to inform the members about offer form APS-IPRAS

Friends

We have received offer from Asia Pacific Section of IPRASA to adopt our journal as that of Asia Pacific Section. There is no English publication from the area. Editor showed Power point slide stating:- To deliberate upon the offer from the Secretary Genl. of Asia Pacific IPRAS to offer IJPS for adoption as the official journal of IPRAS APS a Journal negotiating committee of APSI was formed.

The committee comprised of

President (Prof A.K. Singh)

President Elect (Dr Ashok Gupta)

Dr Mukund Thatte (Past Editor, IJPS)

Dr Raja Sabapathy (Past Editor, IJPS)

Dr Surajit Bhattacharya (Editor, IJPS)

Dr Atul Shah (Secretary, APSI)

Meeting was held with the Secretary General of IPRAS-APS on 1st July 2012 at Lucknow

In this meeting, It was agreed unanimously to accept the proposal and further decided to propose the terms to frame an agreement between IPRAS-APS and APSI.

Whereas this change will provide the Asia Pacific Section of IPRAS a valuable academic compendium it will catapult The Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery in to International horizon by becoming a torch bearer of a very important regional Plastic Surgery Society.

The Change

The committee proposed the following terms of Agreement to rename the Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery.

The cover page of the Journal will reflect joint representation of the two Societies by mentioning- An official journal of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India and International Confederation of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery-Asia Pacific Section'.

The journal will be known as 'Asia Pacific Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery (AP-JPRAS)'

The copyright and ownership of the Journal (including historical archival content) will rest with Association of Plastic Surgeons of India without any further discussion or legal recourse.

Terms and Conditions

The journal will continue to be in English language.

The Volume number of the journal will continue seamlessly.

The number of issues each year will be decided by the Editor and the publishers.

A financial arrangement of the journal will be worked out jointly with the publishers.

The Editor of the rechristened Journal will be selected through open advertisement by the publishers and through the websites of the Societies.

How do we choose the Editor?

The Editor will be chosen for a period of 5 years by a collegiums comprising of

The President APSI

Executive Trustee of APSI

Secretary General IPRAS-APS

A nominee of General Body of APSI

A nominee of Secretary General of IPRAS-APS

A representative of the Publishers.

It was decided that Dr Mukund Thatte will represent the Executive Trustee of APSI on the collegiums as long as Dr Rajeev Ahuja remains the Secretary General of IPRAS-APS.

The New Editor

The new Editor of AP-JPRAS will only take over after the 2nd term of the current Editor of IJPS is completed.

The Editor will report, biannually, to the Executive of APSI and Secretary General of IPRAS-APS.

The Editor will maintain the highest ethical and moral standards as well as scientific excellence of the journal.

Two deputy Editors will be appointed by the same collegiums and they will continue to hold office for 5 years. One of the Deputy Editors will be a member of APSI proposed by APSI Exec. Committee and approved by G.B.

The Editorial Board will be jointly constituted by the same Collegiums minus the publisher's representative, but will also include the Editor.

More Terms and Conditions

The appointing collegiums will ensure a broad geographic and sub-specialty representation of the Editorial Board.

There is no upper limit to the number of persons on the Editorial Board.

The Editor may enlist 'Reviewers' of his choice over and above the members of the Editorial Board.

All 'Reviewers' of manuscripts will be acknowledged in the last issue of the year.

The Editorial Board will meet once a year to review the progress of the Journal. This meeting will be with the Annual APSI meeting for 3 years in a quadrennial, but in the year of the IPRAS-APS Congress it will take place in the country of the Congress.

As IPRAS-APS membership doesn't include the cost of the Journal subscription it will be provided to all other members of IPRAS-APS up on payment of a subscription (less than general selling price) directly to the publisher (individually or collectively through the National Society).

Only member countries of IPRAS-APS will be eligible for these benefits.

All financial dealings, including collection of advertisements will be the sole responsibility of the publishers, who will annually submit a balance sheet to APSI and IPRAS-APS.

APSI will pay a Journal subscription fee to the publishers depending on the number of copies requested each year.

Projected Revenue Benefit

The arrangement is expected to generate profit in due course of time.

Profit sharing between the publishers and the Societies (APSI and IPRAS-APS) will be on mutual agreement and guided by such arrangements in operation internationally.

Profit share between the two Societies will be 60% for APSI and 40% for IPRAS-APS.

Terms

However, legal cost of any dispute between the Societies and publishers will be borne by APSI as it will continue to own the Journal. Legal jurisdiction to settle disputes will be in India.

The current publishers (Wolters Kluwer India) may be retained in the new arrangement by drawing out a new MOU to be signed by President APSI and Secretary General IPRAS-APS. This MOU will have five year validity.

The Societies will be free to negotiate with another publisher should the terms offered by the current publisher be unacceptable. These negotiations will be held on behalf of the Societies by the Editorial Collegiums.

The General Body is requested to empower the journal committee to negotiate with Asia Pacific IPRAS and the publisher.

Secretary specified that Journal is a part of our bye laws, which are as follows:-

Article VI - JOURNAL

1. The journal of the APSI shall be known as "The Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery",
2. The editorial board shall consist of (1) Editor (who shall be a member of the council), (2) An Assistant Editor, (3) Business Secretary & Publisher, (4) Two Members.
3. The Members of the Editorial board shall be elected by the General Body at its Annual General Body Meeting, shall hold office for 3 Years and shall be eligible for re-election.
4. The financial year of the Journal shall be the same as that of the APSI and it shall be the responsibility of the Business Secretary to complete accounts in time so that the Editorial Board

represented by the Hon. Editor can present this to the Council and the General Body at the time of the Annual General Body Meeting.

5. The subscription of the journal would be fixed by the General Body as also any direct financial support towards the cost of publication.

6. The Editor and the Editorial Board at their discretion may appoint co-editors from among the Members of the APSI to help them in their editorial duties. Such co-editors shall hold office only at the discretion of the Editor.

The Terms of negotiation as spelled by the Editor have been printed in News Letter no 62

Secretary wanted following resolution to be approved by the General body

“Resolved that Journal Committee is authorized to negotiate with IPRAS-APS and Publishers in best interest of Association”

Secretary also showed following text on the screen:-

“Constitutional Amendment in relation to Journal Conversion will be drafted and approved by GB”

At this point the house wanted to know if journal will be available to all APSI members as before.

President affirmed that all members will continue to get it, only new members may have to pay some subscription, which we will come to know during our negotiations with IPRAS-APS.

Dr. Prabhat Srivatsav asked if any annual or upfront payment will be demanded from members. President replied that we are still open access journal and we are among those few associations where members do not pay for journal, while APSI has been paying to publisher for the print copies.

Dr. Suresh Gupta said that fine-tuning of the offer is required and the agreement must have proper clauses that can take care of all liabilities.

President asked the house to authorize the journal committee to negotiate with IPRAS-APS, and quoted example of BJPS.

Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh wanted to know the basic necessity of nurturing such negotiations. He stated that do we require international recognition. If it is so than we just need to further improve our quality in all aspects and not go for changing the face.

Dr. Raja Sabapathy summarized the feelings of the journal negotiation committee stating that in the era of competition and technological advances, this move will give a very big platform, very wide base, robust editorial board and excellent publishers to our journal.

Dr Subodh replied that all can be done by our own Editorial board and past three editors have demonstrated that.

President tried to sum up again stating that the move is to elevate journal to next level.

Dr. Prabhat wanted to confirm as to is it APSI that is offering this or it is IPRAS-APS that wants to adopt us?

Some members echoed that there can be no harm in trying for 3 to 5 years.

Dr. Vinita Puri stated that we can do this with our own Indian editor, and may be the editorial board can be international. Dr. Prabhat supported this by stating that the moment Editor is not from APSI, we will lose the identity. Dr. Surajit specified that if our journal is adopted, the editor will be chosen from among International experts, and will be the face of the journal. Dr. Raja added that this way best of the brains will form part of editorial team and there can be one or more Indian members on the editorial board. President further added that it will be a tri-party agreement.

Dr. Karoon Agrawal stated that he was offered editorship of BJPS when it changed to JPRAS. It was apparent that this was happening because European journal was merged and the editor had to be changed. We are already open access journal with many international hits. We should not lose the name ‘Indian’.

Dr. Goyal wanted the Indian Journal to remain Indian. Dr. Subramnian Iyer also shared his experience with publications and stated that his national spirit would not allow him to part with the word ‘Indian’, however if by doing so, the journal and Association are getting much benefit, he is for it.

Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh stated that the present Editor has done a good job. There is waiting in publications. We are already international so far as sources of publications are concerned. Now we have to publish more high quality articles. Our efforts will go waste if the conversion occurs.

President said that if general body gives mandate to journal committee, we will negotiate and again come back to general body with concrete proposal. Dr. Puneet Paschricha wanted a mandate to be taken.

Dr. Lokesh Kumar stated that general body must have faith in executives. We have to think globally, no doubt after safeguarding our interests.

Dr. Arun Singh summed up the discussion stating that the proposed document is already published in our newsletter, we shall negotiate with IPRAS-APS keeping in mind the sentiments of the members about the word 'India' and about Indian Editor. Members can write to the secretary within a month if they want to comment on this document. With your additional comments, suggestions and objections, APSI will represent during IPRAS-APS meeting and as is being shown on the screen, we will take final decision in next General Body meeting based on the inputs from Asia Pacific Section.

7. Treasurer's Report and accounts for 2011-12

Respected Mr. President, Mr. President-Elect, fellow Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members and all the esteemed Members of our beloved Association

It gives me great pleasure to present the Treasurer's report for the year 2011-12. Our association is constantly growing -- not only are we are gaining in strength financially but more importantly our membership is also rapidly increasing, which is wonderful for the future of our speciality in our country. We have 1383 members till date and more are joining us every month.

Our Association is in a fairly sound financial condition with more than 2.5 Crore Rs. as investments & in Bank Accounts. Our Assets have grown more than 3 Crores. With the generous grant of Rs 5 Lacs every year from Ethicon we are now able to support three CME courses, one during the Annual Meeting and two additional midterm CMEs each year. We are now in a much better position to support our journal.

In addition to payment of International Dues to IPRAS as well as to the Asia Pacific Section of IPRAS, we are able to distribute about Rs 8 Lacs per year towards various existing Awards, Grants and Fellowships for our members. I am happy to inform you that we have been able to increase the entire award and grant amounts by 10 percent as compared to last year.

I am also very happy to inform you that in the last few years, with extraordinary savings from APSICONS and from generous donations, we have been able to create new Awards and Grants which will make our Association proud, such as

1. **Dr. K. S. Shekhar's Plastic Surgeon of the year Award** Rs 50,000
2. **Goa APSICON Research Award** worth Rs 1,30,000
3. **Goa APSICON International Travelling Fellowship** worth Rs 1,30,000
4. **XV IPRAS 2009 Humanitarian Fund** worth more than 1 Lac

Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy and his team, who organized a memorable conference at Coimbatore last year has broken the Goa APSICON's all-time record of savings for APSI. While Goa APSICON had savings of **Rs 51 Lacs**, Coimbatore APSICON has created a new record of **Rs. 56, 10 787**. These savings have almost doubled our Corpus in just two years, a matter of great pride for our Association. On behalf of all members, I congratulate the entire team of APSICON 2011, ably led by our past-President **Dr Raja Sabapathy** for this achievement.

We look forward with a great hope to Lucknow APSICON and beyond for many more records to be broken.

From ISAPS Course in Goa, Convener, Dr. Lokesh Kumar has given Rs. 2, 00, 000 towards profits. Thank you Dr. Lokesh.

I am happy to inform you that we were able to submit our audited amalgamated accounts to Income Tax Department as well as the Charity Commissioner within the stipulated time. This year on special request from the Executive Committee, the amalgamation of audited accounts was done under able guidance and supervision of Dr. K. Sridhar by Asok & Ram Chartered Accountants, the same firm which prepared our accounts for 2010 2011. On behalf of all members I thank Dr. Sridhar for all the help.

This year, the Treasurer's Account was submitted by Dr. Lokesh Kumar, as his financial term ended on 31st March 2012.

The timely submission was also possible as all the subaccounts namely the Journal Account, Delhi and Maharashtra Chapter, Treasurer and Trust Accounts were submitted in time. I sincerely thank all for abiding by the deadlines. The Audited Accounts have already been published in APSI Newsletter, emailed to all members. I have posted the hard copies to all members in advance. I do hope that you have all received them and gone through them.

I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Lokesh Kumar our Ex Treasurer for his help, guidance and advice. I would like to thank Dr. K. Sridhar & Dr. Rajeev Ahuja the past and present Executive Trustees for their constant support and guidance. I thank our President Dr. Arun Kumar Singh & Dr. Atulkumar Shah our Hon. Secretary who I had the pleasure and Privilege to work with. I thank all the members of the Executive Committee for their support. I would be failing in my duties, if I did not humbly thank you for electing me your Treasurer last year and I look forward to your wholehearted support for the rest of my term in serving our beloved Association. I thank you all for a patient hearing.

The treasurer's report was approved, proposed by Dr. Bimal Modi and seconded by Dr. B. G. Tilak.

The secretary informed the house that next general body meeting will be held in November, and hence ascent of the house is required to proceed with filing of the income tax returns within required time.

The general Body resolved that since the next general body meeting will be in November, 2013, the treasurer is authorized to receive, amalgamate and prepare accounts, get them audited as well as to file returns with IT and returns and report with Charity Commissioner.

8. Trust Report

Dr Ahuja informed the executives that Dr. K. Sridhar has now retired from the board of trustees and Dr. V. Bhattacharya will hold office of trustee in his place for term beginning from this meeting. The general body resolved to accept the new board of trustees, with their respective terms as follows

- Chairman Dr. K. S. Shekar
- Executive Trustee – Dr. Rajeev Ahuja
- Member Trustees
 - Dr. J. K. Sinha
 - Dr. Suresh Gupta
 - Dr. V. Bhattacharya

Proposed by Dr. Nitin Mokal and seconded by Dr. Ravi Mahajan

Dr. Ahuja informed that all subsidiary accounts were gathered in time to be able to amalgamate them and submit returns in time. He also informed that the return filing has been done by the treasurer, and will be done by treasurer hence forth. Majority of matter related to trust activities were already covered by Treasurer, and he has been very helpful in putting things together with regards mainly to matured deposits and unclaimed interests. For the current year, all activities related to IX IPRAS and APSICON 2010 and APSICON 2012 will get completed before March. There will be a liability of paying International Dues that will fall in 2013, for which trust will release funds to treasurer in time. Dr. Ahuja thanked all past presidents, all trustees and executives for their help.

Trust report approved proposed by Dr. Narendra Pandya and seconded by Dr. Anil Behl.

On account of a non-receivable TDS from the IX IPRAS account, a resolution was moved as follows and was accepted – “Resolved that un-receivable refund of TDS amounting to Rs. 30982 be written off from the accounts.” Proposed by Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh and Seconded by Dr. Lokesh Kumar.

Dr. Ahuja asked for a resolution to open account in the name of “APSI-Corpus Fund” with himself, Chairman of Board of Trustees and one accessible trustee as signatories. This was required to stream line receipt and investment of various funds and deposits. – “Resolved that the executive trustee is authorized to open savings account in suitable bank and branch in Delhi in the name of “Association of Plastic Surgeons of India – Corpus Account” or the “new name of association – corpus account”. This account will be operated by any two of the three – Chairman, Executive Trustee and a member of the Board of Trustees.”

9. Matters arising from Executive Council Meetings of 25th March, 2012 and 4th November, 2012

- a. Secretary informed the house that Based on the inputs from several senior members, overseas colleagues, Hon. Health Minister and Health Secretary as well as following the Example of British Association there is a need now to enhance the sphere of the association which should be apparent in the name itself. After deliberations the Executive Council has reached a consensus to suggest the name “Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

of India". Also Association may write to the MCI to change the nomenclature of the degree of MCh or DNB as (Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery). Notice was given to members as per the bye laws in the newsletter 62 along with notice for the meeting.

At this point Dr. Ashok Gupta informed the house about the meeting with principle secretary of health along with Dr, Raja Sabapathy, Dr. Lokesh Kumar and Dr. Atul Shah. He informed the house, how there is a misconception about our specialty even in minds of senior bureaucrats. Dr. Ramesh Chandra stated that the name suggested does not include our other spheres of work like hand surgery or maxilla facial surgery. How are we going to explain that? Dr. Sridhar warned that all our official registrations and investments are in the existing names and it may be a very difficult exercise to change names in all such places. Dr. Puneet Paschricha was of the firm opinion that there was no need to change the current name. Dr. Ravi Mahajan said that the resolution has come at right time and there is a need to change the name to include all types of services that we provide. Dr. Philip P was not very sure if such a change will ever help us change the mind set of people. Dr. Altaf said that we can retain the short name APSI, and simply rephrase it. Dr. Vaibhav Khanna wanted no change in the name. Dr. Ashok Gupta reminded the house that at MCI also the correct name for MCh degree is in the field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh said that the entire so called complication is due to word 'plastic' and hence we should remove the word. Dr. Ravi Mahajan gave another idea of changing the word association to society or academy to give it more academic and professional look. Dr. Khazanchi states that we are unnecessarily fearful of the identity crisis. People know about the specialty by now. Concluding the discussion, the president asked for raise of hands for and against the resolution and as there was no majority for change it was decided that the same name will continue. The resolutions were dropped.

b. The Secretary moved the following resolution and it was passed unanimously. "Executives authorized to engage lawyer and or Chartered Accountant to properly follow the procedures of change of names of Executives and trustees at appropriate way and times with Registrar of Society, Charity Commissioner, Commissioner of Income Tax, and other offices.

Secretary moved the resolution for creation of a new corpus-"Resolved that a corpus be created from savings of 15th IPRAS Congress – 2009 of New Delhi in the name of "APSI-15th IPRAS Humanitarian Fund". The resolution was passed unanimously. Secretary informed that the fund committee shall oversee distribution of grants as per criteria laid down and published twice in our newsletter. The criteria so circulated and the committee so formulated; also stand adopted by the general body. The committee consists of the following:-

- President - APSI
- Secretary - APSI
- President - IPRAS-2009
- Chairman - IPRAS-2009
- Secretary General -IPRAS-2009
- Dr. Chanjiv Singh (Chairman-Humanitarian Committee-IPRAS)

c. Secretary moved resolution for creation of a foundation within the association. It will be known as “APSI Educational Foundation” to help the members of the APSI, in following way:-

- To provide the highest standards of care as accepted by peers around the world.
- To ensure its availability to everyone who needs it at the time they need it and
- To create leaders who will take the specialty into the future at a global level.

The foundation will be managed by following members:-

Chairman - Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy-

Members

Dr. Mukund Reddy, Hyderabad,
Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi, New Delhi
Dr. Mukund R. Thatte, Mumbai
Dr. Ramesh Sharma, Chandigarh
Dr. Subramania Iyer, Kochi

Ex-officio Members

President APSI
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Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya wanted fund allocation from this corpus to journal for I Pad application. Dr. Rajeev Ahuja stressed that we need to spend the income, otherwise it will attract tax. Dr. Sridhar stated that we must specially resolve to put the interest back to the same corpus. However the name should be changed to ‘fund’ rather than foundation. The president took opinion and stated that the name ‘fund’ is more appropriate. After proposal by Dr. C. P Swaney and seconding by Dr. Ravi Mahajan; the general body unanimously “Resolved that out of the Coimbatore conference savings of Rs.55,61,396.88 and interest there on, a corpus in the name of “APSI Educational Fund” be created and interest generated there from these combined sum be added to the corpus till final scheme of utilization for educational and training activities as specified in the “foundation” document printed in the newsletter and decided by the designated committee from time to time is fully operational”.

d. The secretary informed the house that time and again there is fund crunch for our journal. Association provides funds annually as well as adds to the sum every year by contingency grant. It was discussed in EC that annual subscription be instituted for the journal. There is a provision for levy of subscription from members in our constitution. EC has by majority recommended to general body to approve charging annual subscription of Rs. 1000 for all new members beginning January, one, 2014. On screening of this, several members stood up from their seats. Dr D L Patil and Dr. Prabhat Srivastava came in the aisle shouting that no change be done. Dr. Prabhat stated that while making a life member, the association has promised for a life time subscription of the journal, and the same facility is required to be given to new members. Subodh Kumar Singh stated that we must maintain uniformity among members and the funds for the journal must be collected through corpus. Dr. Ashok Raj Kaul wanted electronic copies, to which Dr. Alok Sharma added that hard copies can be charged. Dr. Surajit informed the house that the publisher is not only charging for printing and postage but also for software and web site. So if we reduce the number of prints, there will not be any change in the cost. Dr. Patil added that

why are we not charging all conferences for creation of journal fund. It was decided by majority that hence forth 10 % of surplus of the conference will be added to journal corpus.

e. Secretary moved resolution for changing address and signatures with banks etc. It was unanimously resolved to authorize the Executives to present appropriate resolution to banks and Investment Institutions for required change of signatories and change of address of correspondence for all existing accounts of banks and investments.

f. The secretary informed that in recent years the paper presentations have shifted to power point. No one uses the original 35 mm slide system. In this instance the Mc Neil award for visuals is not serving the purpose. The EC recommends to club the J R Jaju award for Junior papers and the Mc Neil award. The general body resolved for the amalgamation. The name of the award shall be “ Jaju and McNeil Junior Best Paper Award”.

g. The EC recommended to augment corpus of Peet Prize by Rs. 50,000/-. The general body by majority resolved to do so.

h. The secretary informed the house about the future Ethicon Courses as approved by The EC. They are

- February 2013 – Burns Course - Dr. Sanjeev Uppal, Ludhiana
- July 2013 – Uncovered topics - Dr. Deshpande – Nagpur
- November 2013 – Head and Neck Reconstruction along with APSICON in Mumbai
- February 2014 –Peripheral Nerve Injuries – Dr. Mukund Thatte

i. The secretary informed the house that The Task Force Recommended selection of Prof R. Venkataswami of Chennai for conferring the “APSI- Plastic Surgeon for Year 2013” award. The EC recommends the same. The members welcomed the decision amidst loud clapping.

j. Topic for Dr. R. N. Sharma Symposium to be held during Mumbai Conference EC suggested topic of “Complex Abdomino-Perineal Reconstruction”. No suitable suggestions were received from the floor and hence this topic was approved. The convener for the programme will be Dr. Subramanian Iyer.

k. The secretary informed to house about the discussion that took place regarding accepting donations. Following resolution was presented to GB for acceptance. “Resolved that donations to the Association with conditions have to be more than Rs. 10 Lac and the conditions entertained will be restricted to creating a corpus in the suggested name, announcement in newsletter, announcement on Web site and announcement scrolls at conference venue. No orations or lectures will be created in personal names out of such donations. Hall names and Session sponsorships are encouraged. Minimum Donation for such occasions will be Rs. 10,000”. Members started discussing among themselves and Dr. V. Bhattacharya stated that there should be no problem in naming a guest lecture. Looking at the general consensus, the president announced that this discussion is deferred to the next meeting.

l. SAARC Conclave

President informed that APSI took the lead in inviting plastic surgeons from neighboring countries. The overseas members were also invited to a special

session before this meeting and there was general consensus on further strengthening the efforts. President will make a committee to look into the future possibilities and arrange this kind of conclave with every conference. The House congratulated the president for this initiative.

10. The details of new applicants were projected. The secretary assured the house about the credentials of these members. The house approved the memberships in the respective categories. The list will form part of these minutes.

11. Results for the competition awards.

The secretary informed the house about the competition award selection that was carried out during this conference. The winners are:-

- Peet Prize - Dr. Amresh Baliarsing
- APSI best paper (Junior) – Dr. Devyani Barve
- Kamath poster Award – Dr. Selva Seetharaman - Algorithm
- McNeil best audio-visual award – Dr. Debarati Chattopadhyay

For the awards of other competitions the winners are

- Essay Awards
 - Kilner Essay award (2012) - Dr. Satish Bhat
- Publication Awards
 - N H Antia best publication award - 2011 – Col Prem S. Bhandari - Dorsal Approach in Transfer of the Distal Spinal Accessory Nerve
 - Army Endowment best report- 2011 – Dr. G. I. Nambi
 - R. N. Sinha award for best paper Published in IJPS in 2011- Free Boomerang-shaped Extended Rectus Abdominis Myocutaneous flap: The longest possible skin/myocutaneous free flap for soft tissue reconstruction of extremities : Ashok R Koul, Sushil Nahar, JagdishPrabhu, Subhash M Kale, HP Praveen Kumar

12. Nominations for Mumbai Conference APSICON 2013

The Secretary informed the house of following nominations by the EC

- Special APSI Award of the Year 2013 – Dr. Venkataswami
- Orations
 - Gilles Oration – Dr. Raja Sabapathy
 - Sushruta Oration – Prof David TW Chiu – New York
 - MM Mukherjee Oration – Dr. S.S. Chaterjee
- Visiting Professorships
 - Ethicon V P in Plastic Surgery – Dr. Sanjeev Uppal
 - Ethicon V P in Cosmetic Surgery – Dr. Srirang Pandit
 - Ethicon V P in Micro Surgery – Dr. Amresh Baliarsingh
 - Gen. N. C. Sanyal V P in Plastic Surgery – Dr. Mukund Jagannathan
- Visiting Professor Lectures
 - Godrej Lecture – Dr. Peter Neligan, USA
 - C. Balakrishnan Lecture - Prof D Venkitaraghava Reddy
 - Dr. A. C. Ganguli Lecture – Dr. Somesh Guha
 - Dr. S. N. Sharma Endowment– Prof Alexander Dagum
- Honorary Memberships
 - Dr. Julia Terzis
 - Dr. Edger Biemer

13. Approvals of Fellowship Applications

- Ethicon Plastic Surgery- Dr. Selva Seetaraman
- Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery - Dr. Neha Chauhan
- Ethicon Microsurgery – Dr. Dr. Som Sekhar
- APSICON2010 Research Grant (2012) - Dr. Dayanand Jairaj
- APSICON2010 Travel Grant (2012)
 - Dr. Amit Agarwal,
 - Dr. Srinjoy Saha
- R.G. Saraiya Fellowship – Dr. Ramneesh Garg
- Myovatec Training Fellowship – Dr. Amita Hiremath
- Vasudhan Arjin Fellowship - Dr. Binita Raut
- Brig Kathpalia Hand Surgery – Dr. Rajesh Yellinedi
- KEM Microsurgery - Dr. Saumyakumar Nayak
- IX IPRAS Awards
 - International – Dr. G.I. Nambi
 - National – Dr. Sushil Nahar
- Chennai Fellowship in Tamil Nadu – Dr. L. Ramasamy
- Chennai Fellowship outside Tamil Nadu – Dr. Raja Shanmuga Krishnan

14. Confirmation of Grants

- Plastic Surgery Venture Fund
 - Dr. Ravin Thatte for Short Notes in Plastic Surgery
- Prof C R Sunderajan National update
 - National Update on Early excision in Burns Vadodara 20 January
- Promotion of Scientific Activity at Mumbai fund – Dr. Vinita Puri
- Maharashtra Chapter Fund for
 - CME / workshop in Mumbai – Dr. Amresh Baliarsingh
- Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund – Dr. Gunjan Patel-Baroda
- Promotion of Scientific Activity in U.P. Fund – Dr. Vijay Kumar – Lucknow

15. Announcement for the results of Election to the following posts:

- a) President (one) for 2013 - Dr. Ashok K. Gupta
- b) Vice President (one) for 2013 - Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sharma
- c) Secretary (one) for 2013-15 - Dr. Atul Kumar Shah
- e) Executive Members (three) for 2013-15

Dr. Vijay Kumar

Dr. Ashok Raj Kaul

Dr. G. S. Kalra

16. The Presidents medallion was exchanged, and Dr. Arun Kumar Singh welcomed Dr. Ashok Gupta. Dr. Gupta gave brief outline of the next conference.

17. Resolution for Organizing Committee – “Resolved that the organizing committee of APSICON 2014 is authorized to open bank account in the name of “APSICON2014”.

18. The meeting was concluded with thanks to the Chair.

New Scheme of Election

- i). Two Election Officers shall be appointed by the President for supervision of election process.
- ii) Nominations duly proposed and seconded by members can be submitted on the day of Charles Pinto CME and day one of conference till noon 1200 hours.

Application forms for the same shall be available with the Secretary.

- iii) Scrutiny of nominations shall be done between 12 -1 pm. On day one of conference

- iv) The list shall be displayed on the notice board by 1pm. On day one of conference.

- v) Withdrawal shall be permitted till 5 pm on day one of conference.

- vi) The final list of contestants will be put on by 6 pm on day one of conference

- vi) Ballot paper shall be distributed and submitted between 10 am - 3 p.m. on day two of conference

- vii) Counting shall be done 3 p.m. onwards on day two of conference.

Once the counting has started no ballot papers shall be issued.

Two member nominated by the President with the help of the secretary and treasurer of APSI shall scrutinize the list of delegates for their good standing.

The result shall be declared at appropriate time during the general body meeting, on day two of conference

Members are requested to take note of this scheme and make it convenient to visit the election polling booth at specified time to be able to cast their vote.

APSICON 2013

The 48th Annual Conference of The Association of Plastic Surgeons of India is being held in India's Economic Capital Mumbai from 24th till 30th November, 2013. APSI Ethicon Accredited Course on Cleft Surgery will precede the workshop on 24th and 25th November. On 26th November Prof. CR Sunderrajan Memorial Live Surgery Workshop will be held. On 27th November Dr. Charles Pinto Memorial CME will be held at Bombay Hospital. Conference will be held at Hotel Grand Hyatt on 28, 29 and 30 November.

Visit www.apsicon2013.com for details.

APSI –APSICON 2005 – Ethicon Post Graduate Courses for 2013

1. **TOTAL BURN CARE**, February 9 & 10,

Dayanand Medical College and Hospital Ludhiana.

For details and registration please contact - Dr. Sanjeev Uppal, Course Co-ordinator. Professor & Head, Plastic Surgery, Dayanand Medical College & Hospital, Ludhiana – 141001 or email uppal007@gmail.com Ph : 0161-4687331 , 9814024125

2. **RECONSTRUCTIVE FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY**, 6th and 7th July

NKP SALVE Institute of Medical Sciences & Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Nagpur on.

- 1) Nose Reconstruction, 2) Ear Reconstruction, 3) TMJ Ankylosis. 4) Facial Palsy

EAR RECONSTRUCTION OPERATIVE WORKSHOP On 5th July 2013

For Details contact Dr. Deshpande

3. **HEAD AND NECK RECONSTRUCTION**

24th and 25th November

Bombay Hospital

For details contact APSICON 2013 Secretariat.

15th IPRAS 2009 Humanitarian Activities Fund

1. The fund will be governed by general rules applicable to all corpuses managed by APSI, i.e. the usual rules of APSI Trust will apply in disbursing the interest and augmenting the corpus on an annual basis.
2. If there is no proposal in a financial year the entire interest generated will be used to augment the corpus.
3. It will be specifically used for organizing humanitarian activities on behalf of APSI, like organizing 'Surgical Camps' at remote places with the help of local charitable groups or medical colleges, where Plastic Surgery facilities don't exist.
4. The first such disbursement will be in the year 2013.
5. The proposals will be submitted to Secretary, APSI at least 8 months before the camp activity.
6. All proposals should include the complete plan, the co-hosts (and their role), financial details, list of surgeons and other staff, food and stay arrangements, venue of surgery etc. Proposals should be comprehensive in all aspects.
7. The Committee to consider such proposals will consist of the President and Secretary of APSI; President, Chairman and Secretary General of IPRAS-2009, and Dr. Chanjiv Singh (Chairman-Humanitarian Committee-IPRAS). This group (Secretary APSI) will present the proposal to the APSI Executive and an electronic approval of the APSI Executive will be taken by him/her to expedite the decision.
8. Surgeons from overseas will need MCI and / or State Medical Council Registration as per rule applicable at the time. This will be ensured by the organizers.
9. A separate bank account will be opened for this purpose by the Chief Organizer and it will have a minimum of two signatories, who will be authorized by APSI Executive to operate this account jointly,
10. This is a financial support of the nature of one time lump sum grant
11. APSI or IPRAS or IPRAS 2009 organizing committee will take no responsibility in the conduct of the camp. APSI is only a disbursing agency in this regard. The Chief Organizer will furnish a signed statement absolving the above agencies from all risks and liabilities – clinical social and legal - in the conduct of the camp.
12. APSI or IPRAS or IPRAS 2009 organizing committee will not accept or entertain any demands if there are shortfalls of any manner in the conduct of the camp.
13. The surgical camp will not be conducted in a personal nursing home of a member of APSI. However, it may be carried out in a nursing home where Plastic Surgery facilities don't exist in the Region.
14. Chief Organizer of the camp is to furnish a full audited statement of accounts within 2 months of the conclusion of the activity. If there are any savings from the amount disbursed they will be returned along with the audited statement.
15. The Chief Organizer will also be responsible to furnish a report of the camp which includes the proceedings, number of cases operated (their detailed list) and some pictures of activity as well as clinical results.
16. All branding for the Camp will bear IPRAS, IPRAS 2009 and APSI Logo. Branding will also have the words inscribed, 'Supported by Association of Plastic Surgeons of India'.
17. No personal promotion by way of pictures or names etc will be permissible.
18. Any misconduct during the 'Camp' which brought to the notice of APSI Executive will invite disciplinary proceedings according to 'Rules & Regulations' governing APSI.
19. The Chief Organizer requesting APSI funds will sign the 'Rules' mentioned above from serial 3-18 on a Rs. 100 non judicial stamp paper, as a token of acceptance, and get it notarized.



International Scholarship

Dr. Rajiv Agarwal of KGMC Lucknow has been awarded the International Guest Scholarship for 2012 from the American College of Surgeons. It will be formally awarded at the Annual congress of the American College of Surgeons in Washington DC in 2013

APSI Membership Certificates and I Cards

Membership Certificates and Member's Identity cards is not ongoing process with APSI. Such drives were undertaken in past and most of the senior members are in possession of both these documents. Every new member is given these documents once. If any of you wish to obtain any of these documents, please communicate to secretary on email so that arrangements can be done depending on the demand generated.

Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery 2013 issues

The advertisement rates and specifications for advertisement in Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery 2013 issues. All members are requested to make extensive efforts in generating advertisements for the Journal. This year there shall be three issues including a theme issue between the two regular issues. Drafts Payable to 'Editor APSI' in Lucknow

Specifications	Rates		
	One issue	Two issues	Three issues
Full page color	Rs 18,000/-	Rs 35,000/-	50,000/-
Full page black and white	Rs 12,000/-	Rs 23,000/-	34,000/-
Inside Cover front or Back BW	Rs 22,000/-	Rs. 43,000/-	63,000/-
Inside Cover Front or Back Colour	Rs 25,000/-	Rs. 49,000/-	72,000/-
Back cover page color	Rs 35,000/-	Rs 69,000/-	1,00,000/-
Extra cover			1,20,000/-

“APSI – PLASTIC SURGEON FOR THE YEAR 2014 Award”

The Dr. K.S. Shekar endowment

Members can nominate by sending proposal in a prescribed form to The President of the year. Forms can be obtained by email to the secretary. The proposal must reach the President by 5th September, 2013. Please email to secretary.apsi@gmail.com to obtain the proposal form.

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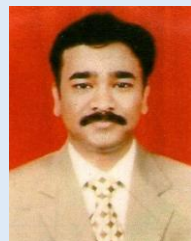
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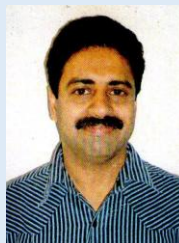
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