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Dear APSI Members,
Best wishes for 2011!

The year that passed by had indeed been a year full of activity for the APSI. A number of workshops, CMEs and conferences were organized. The previous two newsletters covered some glimpse of few of these events. The 45th



Annual conference of the Association was held from 27th to 29th October 2010 at South Goa in the picturesque venue of Holiday Inn Resort. Members had refreshing time at the shore and in the waters. Many eminent plastic surgeons from India and abroad participated in the deliberations. A notable feature of the conference was that even free paper sessions were well attended. Dr. Mukund



R. Thatte, President and Organising committee chairman ably assisted by Dr. Nitin Mokul, Dr Shailesh Ranade and the entire team of several others deserve all praise for their untiring efforts as well as Dr. Rajiv

Usgaokar and other members from Goa for their warm hospitality.

The Pre Conference APSICON 2005-APSI-Ethicon Accredited Course was held at the Goa Medical College, Bambolim on **23rd and 24th October 2010.**



Dr.(Air Vice Marshal) Anil Behl has been conferred with the prestigious presidential award of Ati Vishishta Sewa Medal. (AVSM)

The inaugural ceremony of this course was presided over by the Dean of GMC Dr. V.N. Jindal, and Dr. Rajiv Usgaocar, Consultant Plastic Surgeon as Chief Guest and Dr. Dilip Amonkar Professor-Director and Head of Surgery as Guest of Honor. Dr. Mukund Thatte, the President of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India and Dr. Rajeev Ahuja, Chairman APSI Accredited Course Committee graced the occasion.



After the traditional lighting of the lamp, Dr. Thatte addressed the gathering and extended a welcome to all the participants. Dr. Jindal in his speech congratulated the Plastic Surgery Unit for organizing the CME and spoke on the rich traditions of Plastic Surgery in India.

Later at a press interaction, Dr. Thatte spoke to the media and answered various queries on Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery and Rhinoplasty.



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The program included didactic lectures; interactive sessions and edited videos intended to give an overview of the subject. Dr. Mukund Jagannathan,

Dr. Rakesh Kalra, Dr. Srirang Purohit, Dr. Govalikar and Dr. Manoj Khanna took the audience through the academic excellence of aesthetic surgery.

The Accredited Course concluded on 24th evening with a Valedictory function during which certificates were issued to the faculty and delegates

Prof. C.R. Sundararajan memorial Video Workshop was organized in the afternoon of 25th October amidst a packed audience. Dr. Elizabeth Hall Findley presented her philosophy of breast reduction procedures with very elaborate interaction from the audience.

The Dr. Charles Pinto Continuing Medical Education programme was held on 26th October at the same venue.

Inaugural address by President Dr. Mukund Thatte. Chief Guest Dr. Anthony D. Dias in the chair.



Minutes of the General body meeting

Minutes of the General Body Meeting on 28th October, 2010

The General body meeting of the APSI was held on 28th October, 6.00 pm at Holiday Inn Resort, Cavellsim, Goa The following agenda was discussed :

1. *Opening remarks by the President.* The president welcomed the delegates.
2. *Condolence to our revered deceased members.* Dr. Surendra Bau, Dr. Mira Sen and Dr. R. S. Thind of Patiala passed away during the last one year. Wife of Dr. R. K. Sandhir also succumbed to Road Traffic Injury. Members stood in silence for 2 minutes and prayed the Almighty to give courage to the families to bear the loss.
3. *Felicitations to members on their achievements.*

The president praised the following for their achievements

Dr. Rajiv Ahuja for getting nominated as secretary of Asia Pacific Section of IPRAS.

Dr. Ashok Gupta for receiving the H. E. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Award for Volunteers in Humanitarian Medical Services award

4. *Confirmation of the minutes of the previous general body meeting* held on 8th August, 2009 at Chennai. (Circulated vide news letter no. 54 of APSI in December 2009)

The minutes have already been circulated. They were unanimously passed.

Proposed by- Dr. Mukunda Reddy
Seconded by - Dr. K. S. Goleria

5. *Secretary's report (Dr. Atulkumar Shah)*

It gives me pleasure to present the annual report of the association of Plastic surgeons of India for first time. I am happy to inform that our association is doing well both academically and financially. The standard of our national meetings is comparable to any international meeting. Many of our members have been invited as faculty to international conferences and have delivered guest lectures.

Our journal is also doing well. Dr Surajit Bhattacharya has brought several impressive changes. Following the good tradition set up by the previous editor, Dr Mukund Thatte, Dr Bhattacharya has brought out two impressive supplements apart from the regular issues of the journal. 68 new members have joined the

Association this year after the last general body meeting. They may collect their membership certificates from the APSI Stall. During the past one year the association has partially sponsored 6 workshops, in different parts of the country. It has also organized 3 professional development courses in collaboration with Ethicon.

The corpus of N C Sanyal professorship was augmented and it has become an annual fellowship. Award will also be given away for first time for new Armed forces endowment award for best case report / idea innovation published in IJPS. APSICON 2009 organized under the chairmanship of Dr G. Balakrishnan, shall be remembered for the rich academic content and the excellent hospitality. I am extremely happy to announce that the organizers of this APSICON 2009 have passed on to the APSI a savings of nearly 15 Lacs and 15 thousand Rupees, which is a record. From last year, we had christened our preconference video / operative workshop in the name of our revered Prof C R Sundararajan. An appropriate corpus for this comes from the savings of APSICON 2009. New Corpus is created in the Name of Promotion of Scientific Activities in U. P Fund and the inaugural award will be announced in a short while from now. This has become possible from the funds generated from Varanasi APSICON.

This year we have experienced the new system of election. I am sure it was comfortable and we are able to conduct the general body meeting without interruptions.

Following awards were conferred in the inauguration Programme of APSICON2010

Ethicon Visiting Professorship
In plastic surgery (2009) Dr. Karoon Agrawal
In microsurgery (2009) Dr. Samir M Kumta
Peet Prize (2009) Col Dr P S Bhandari
Kilner Essay award (2009) Dr. Hari Venkatramani
APSI Junior Best paper award (2009) Dr R Nandini
McNeil Prize for best Audio-visual Presentation (2009) Dr R Nandini
Kammath Memorial prize for Best poster (2009) Dr. Bibhuti B Nayak
Ethicon Travelling Fellowship
In Plastic Surgery (2009) DR RAMNEESH GARG
In Microsurgery (2009) Dr. Krishnendu Goswami
In Cosmetic Surgery (2009) Dr. Durga Karki
R.G. Saraiya international fellowship (2009)
Lt. Col. Dr Vijay Langer

Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand Surgery (2009) Dr. Vishal Mago
Myovatec fellowship for training in Plastic surgery (2009) Dr. Aninda Mandal
Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in Laser surgery (2009) Dr. Pramod Kumar
APSI sponsorship to attend APSICON 2009
Dr. Ram Mahadev Chilgar & Dr P S Barooah
N H Antia best publication award
Dr Hari Venkatramani
IX IPRAS surplus fund International traveling fellowship (2009) Dr. Prateek Arora
K.E.M. Microsurgery fellowship (2009) Dr. Vivek Kumar
Chennai fund
Training in Tamil Nadu (2009) Dr. Faisal Ameer
Outside Tamil Nadu (2009) Dr. Mahendra M Gupta
Armed Forces Endowment award
(Best case report/ideas and innovation published in IJPS – 2009) Dr. Jyotsna Murthy
Grants for 2010
Promotion of Scientific Activity (Plastic Surgery) at Mumbai fund Dr Amresh Baliarsing
Maharashtra Chapter Fund for CME/workshop in Mumbai Dr Vinita Puri
Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund
Dr Anubhav Gupta
Plastic Surgery Venture Fund Dr Ashok Gupta
Prof C R Sunderajan National update
Dr Yuri Das Amborcar

The Secretary's report was unanimously accepted.
Proposed by – Dr. K. Ram Chandran
Seconded by – Dr. Samir Kumta

6. *Announcement of Awards and Grants*

After scrutiny for the selection the following was approved by executive Council and your executive council presents the following for ratification of the general body

APSI sponsorship to attend APSICON 2010 Dr. Gaurav Ranjan Choudhari & Dr. Rajkumar Manas
Ethicon Plastic surgery travelling Fellowship (2011)- Dr. Anubhav Gupta
Ethicon travelling Fellowship in Microsurgery (2011)-Dr. Durga Karki to visit Tata Hospital
Ethicon Cosmetic surgery Fellowship (2011)-Dr. R. Sridhar to visit Dr. Milind Wagh
R.G. Saraiya International Travelling Fellowship (2011)-Dr. Rajesh WATS to visit Dr. Sundersen
Brig Kathpalia fellowship in hand Surgery (2011)- Dr. G I Nambi

Myovatec fellowship for training in Plastic surgery (2011) -Dr. Srinjoy Saha

Vasudhan Arjin fellowship in Laser surgery (2011) - Dr. Sushil Nahar

K.E.M. Microsurgery fellowship (2011)-Dr Raj Manas

Chennai fund for training in Tamil Nadu (2011)-Dr. Sumit Singhal to visit Ganga Hospital

Chennai fund for training o/s Tamil Nadu (2011)-Dr.Sanjai Ram Kumar to visit Tata Memorial Hospital

IX IPRAS Internat. Traveling fellowship (2011)-Dr. Yuri Dias Amborekar to visit Dr. D. Marchac

IX IPRAS National traveling fellowship (2011)-Dr. Smita Dhane to visit Amrita Kochi

Grants 2010-11

Plastic Surgery Venture Fund –Dr. Amresh Baliarsing for Flaps and related procedures CD / DVD to be given in APSICON 2011

Prof C R Sunderajan National update– Dr. Bhoumick Bhayani for CME in Gujarat

Promotion of Scientific Activity at Mumbai fund – Dr. Amresh Baliar Singh

Maharashtra Chapter Fund for CME program / workshop in Mumbai – Dr. Salampuria

Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund – Dr. Piyush Doshi

Promotion of Scientific Activity in U.P. Fund – Dr. Brijesh Mishra

Secretary informed the general body that these awardees will be informed by email. They will also be asked to file their usage reports positively by end of July 2011.

The selections were unanimously approved.

7. Editor's report and accounts for 2009-20010 (Dr S Bhattacharya).

Now that the Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery is indexed with Pubmed, we have a dependable pool of authors and we are not short of good papers. This year till November 1, 2010 we had 241 papers and 42% of these were overseas contribution. We now have 811 authors registered in our www.journalonweb/ijps site and 98 out of 241 manuscripts are from authors outside India. Except Antarctica we have authors from all continents and our popularity is growing. Case Reports are a matter of concern:

We have an alarming number of case reports, 67 this year and only 8 of them could be published. As against this we had 83 Original Articles and 21 of them got printed. We need to bring down the number of case reports drastically. They are usually not cited by future authors. They are however counted with the Original articles to calculate impact factor of the journal. They thus drag down the impact factor. Impact factor reflects the frequency with which the journal's articles are cited in the scientific literature. It is derived by dividing the number of citations in year 3 to any items published in the journal in years 1 and 2 by the number of substantive articles published in that journal in years 1 and 2.

The top 7 journals of Plastic Surgery in terms of Impact factor are:

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (1.377)

Clinics in Plastic Surgery (0.975)

Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (0.950)

Journal of Plastic Recon. & Aesthetic Surgery (0.847)

Annals of Plastic Surgery (0.527)

Scandinavian Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Hand Surgery (0.409)

European Journal of Plastic Surgery (0.139)

If we have to break into this elite group by the year end of 2012 we need to be very conscious about what we publish and Case Reports will be very low in our priority list. Truly rare case or an outstanding use of technology or surgical skill will always find a place in our journal pages but perhaps as 'Brief Communication' or as 'Ideas & Innovations'.

The impact factor is important for us because it signifies the index of journal quality. It relies on the theory that citation reflects frequency and accuracy of the journal and measures a journal's importance to its end users. By citing articles from IJPS in their own manuscripts, researchers are in essence casting votes for our journal.

Supplement issue

We should stop calling it a supplement. Supplements are sometimes not indexed in bibliographic databases or indexed differently as these may be considered as sponsored. Rates we are charging for subscribers can be considered slightly high when we call frequency as semiannual. Let us call this a theme issue. Let us have a fixed timeline for issues to be published - ideally it should be Jan, May and September.

Members of the Editorial Board have been very helpful in Rewriting / Mega-editing good science presented clumsily. Value adding Original Articles and Case Reports by their commentaries. Addressing some moral issues pertaining to authorship. Reviewers have metamorphosed mundane descriptions into outstanding scientific documents. They have improved the quality of the papers suggested useful references and reforms augmented the original text suggest alternative journals. I extend a big thank you to all of them. Our International Advisory Board was incalculably depleted when Prof. Robert Goldwyn passed away. Mr. A.C. Watson too has requested us to excuse him from continuing. Their places have been filled by Prof. David J. David, Mr. Greame Southwick and Dr. Kulwant S. Bhango.

E journal

Our journal's website and articles are accessed by 10-12 thousand visitors every month i.e. 10 times the print circulation every month. As we are an open access journal we have higher visibility than closed access journals. Most international journals are citing articles from IJPS now. Even PDF version is now available free in India and for a small fee abroad

Two regular issues are grossly inadequate: A lots of good papers are waiting publication. This increases the turnaround time and that is not good for any Journal. We will lose good papers if this delay continues By publishing only 2 issues we cannot be expected to be considered at par with other English language Plastic Surgery journals. But for this we need more money.

Why should we invest in our Journal?

It is the calling card of our Association

It reaches each and every member of the Association. Orations and Endowment lectures go to a select few. This is thus the best contribution one can make as the benefits gravitate down to one and all.

It gives us our International identity, it is our prestige. No money is too much money for this prestige.

It encourages our youngsters to document their work and 1 or 2 more issues will go a long way to put IJPS at par with other English language Plastic Surgery journals.

The main objective of this Association is to preserve and propagate the academic activity of the Plastic Surgeons in the country and the Journal is the true embodiment of this purpose.

Suggestions to improve Journal corpus:

To immortalize our Gurus we have always donated big sums to start Orations, Guest Lectures etc. It is time we turned towards the Journal. A very welcome beginning has been made in this direction and Prof. Ashok Banerjee of Kolkata has made a donation of Rs. 5 lacs to the Journal coffer to initiate a Prof. Mira Sen (Banerjee) C.M.E. article from the year 2011

Some very influential Plastic Surgeons should get some really big donations from Industry Barons who happen to be their friends

Each State Unit should contribute at least 1 advertisement / donation to the Journal annually

You suggest our Journal to your Central Library and see that they subscribe it

If you are in a Private Hospital or Private Medical College please advertise in our Journal pages all the conferences that you are going to organize

If you can influence the decision making of any Drug company or medical technology firm please ask them to advertise in our Journal

Appeal

Quality is priceless but it comes at a price. We need financial help both in the short term as well in the long term. And we need your best clinical and research work to be showcased in our Journal. It is the INDIAN Journal of Plastic Surgery and it deserves the attention of the best Indian researchers.

Our editor, Dr. Surjit Bhattacharya made a power point presentation and made a passionate appeal for helping the journal with finances:. Dr. Thatte informed the members that there have been some sizable additions to the Journal corpus and the same will be announced as per the agenda of the meeting. He also informed that the executive council has reorganized the advertisement tariff beginning January One 2011.

Editor's report was approved by the general body proposed by Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh of Ranchi and seconded by Dr. Salampuria

8. Trustee's report (Dr K. Sridhar-Executive Trustee).

I am extremely happy to present my first executive trustees report. Let me start with my sincere thanks to Past executive trustee Prof J R Jaju and Dr Daver for completing the accounts for year ending 2009 and extending me all help in understanding the accounting process. Our president Dr. Mukund Thatte has helped me a lot in the process of transfer of funds from Mumbai to Chennai. My thanks are due to our treasurer for absolute co operation and our secretary for helping me in streamlining the process. We could work in tandem without hiccups as members of the same family. We could send the accounts for the year ending 2010 well before the Goa meeting and I could compile them together with very little difficulty because all the people responsible for sending the accounts did so in time. Prof G. Balakrishnan presented his accounts during the midterm executive meeting itself. Journal accounts by Dr Bhattacharya followed suit. We had everything ready with APSI treasurer's account and IX congress committee accounts well before August. Video library followed and then the chapters. I had already kept a skeleton Balance sheet in which these had to be incorporated and fine tuning done.

APSICON2007

Out of AFMC 2007 funds in our accounts we have shown, Rs.1, 00, 000 towards Journal and Rs50, 000/- Towards Gen. Corpus. Actually to be precise it will be shown as 1 lakh to AFMC endowment for best case report in IJPS and Rs.50000/- to augment Gen Sanyal fund in future.

APSICON 2008

Out of APSICON 2008 fund For Promotion of Sc. Activity in UP Rs.5,22340.86, and Journal fund of Rs.6,00,000.00 has been allotted totaling Rs. 11,22340.00. This has been already credited to corpus in the year 2009-10 as reported before.

APSICON 2009

Out of APSICON 2009 fund Rs.21000.00 for CRS pre conference workshop - for APSICON Goa has been given without waiting for generation of interest. Advance for general Corpus of Rs.85,147.00 has been received last year and it is already shown in account. The remaining kept in FD by Prof G Balakrishnan has matured to Rs.14,09182.93 in this year and will be accounted for in the coming financial year. This way We could get a Total of Rs.15,15329.93 in this way. This is the highest ever savings in APSICONS so far. This 15 Lakhs will be utilized as 5 Lakhs each for (next year the interest will be utilized)

1. Journal fund
- 2.CRS pre conference workshop fund
- 3.General corpus for expenses

Journal fund

We have added 7.4 Lakhs including AFMC endowment in Journal corpus. This 1 Lakh has to be re adjusted towards award for best case report in Journal.

IPRAS 2009

During the organization of IPRAS2009 We Received from Kalyan Samithi (Govt. of Delhi) Rs.15, 00,000.00 which is kept in corpus of APSI trust. We are claiming a TDS refund of Rs.2, 05,194.00 from Income Tax towards IPRAS 2009 accounts. A Surplus of Rs.13, 23,056.55 is with IPRAS 2009 accounts and will be transferred if approved by the IPRAS.

Deposits

We have deposits with a value of Rs.1, 29,77,957.00 as of now. In SB. a/c we have Rs.32,26,926.60 which includes some of the FDs matured recently and will be kept back into deposits as applicable.

Corpus Amount

We have a sum of Rs.125, 78,726.30 as corpus in the year ending March, 2010 During the Year ending March, 2009 we had Rs. 8834238.30 in the corpus. The Addition during the year 2009-10 has been Rs. 3744488.00 Further additions will be there in the coming year

The accounts of the following components of association have to be amalgamated audited and submitted to IT before September every year. It is almost an impossible task.

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| 1. APSI | 5. IX th IPRAS |
| 2. APSI TRUST | 6. Video library |
| 3. APSICON | 7. Delhi Chapter |
| 4. JOURNAL | 8. Maharashtra Chapter |

Hence we felt that we can retain the inevitable first four subheads, merge the IXth IPRAS funds with trust funds, Close the video library and request the two state chapters to have their own bodies and manage their accounts by themselves.

This was agreed by the executive committee and Trustees. I must profusely thank our senior member and past president Prof S. N. Sharma, for agreeing to help in closing the video library and transfer all the videos to the Dept of Plastic Surgery Baroda Medical College as per the wishes of APSI. The video library was essential at that time when it was formed. We never had access to these as we have now. Prof Sharma has seen that it has served its purpose. Next I must mention about another senior member and past president Dr Suresh Gupta who addressed the Trust Members and executive committee members on the 25th of October and informed us that the IXIPRAS committee has decided to amalgamate the accounts of the committee with Trust funds for easy administration. The committee will be dissolved and the funds will be transferred to trust account as they mature. The money will be kept in the corpus named as "IX IPRAS Funds" The income will be spent towards the objects as envisaged by the funds committee when it was formed.

For easy merger and for easy transfer of funds and utilizing the authorized signatories of committee's services, the trust has pending approval of the general body; invited the two existing members of the IX IPRAS committee Dr. Suresh Gupta and Prof. Rajeev Ahuja to be trustees in the existing vacancies of trust as per the trust rules. From the coming financial year the fund will be administered by the APSI trust.

The Board of Trustees and the members of the Executive committee are thankful to Dr Suresh Gupta for taking all efforts to achieve this objective.

This leaves the State chapters of Maharashtra and Delhi. I appeal to them to consider our proposal in their meeting and try to de link their accounting and manage their accounts by their own executive and general body. I request them to form their own association like other states and send us their official letter. We will continue to honour our commitments to their states as before through the newly constituted association.

The discussion on the report of the trustees brought the fact to notice of the Executive Committee that average return on investment is only around seven to seven and half percent. Thus after TDS etc only six percent of the corpus can actually become available for annual expenditure. Several corpus therefore need to be constantly amalgamated. Executive trustee further clarified about the attachment of Rs. 25 Lakh which has recently come to the trust and are yet unmarked.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously by the general body,

Resolved that the IX IPRAS fund management committee stands dissolved and the corpus being managed by that committee will be transferred to the APSI Trust Account. APSI Trust will hold that fund under the title of IX IPRAS fund and manage the interest generated from that corpus in the same manner for which it has been used till date.

The General Body approves appointment of Prof. Mathangi Ramkrishnan as the coordinator to facilitate this merger.

Resolved unanimously that Dr. Suresh Gupta and Dr. Rajiv Ahuja be inducted as members of APSI Trust beginning the end of this general body meeting for next five years as per the bylaws.

Amalgamation of the accounts - It was resolved that the treasurer shall receive the accounts and send the accounts for amalgamation and circulation to the trustees. The treasurer shall be filing the tax returns of the amalgamated accounts.

Trustee's report was approved proposed by Dr. Sam C. Bose and seconded by Dr. Sadhotara

Following this, Dr. Suresh Gupta was invited by the President to inform the General body about the efforts that were invested into the process of merger of IX IPRAS fund with the APSI Trust. The general body took note of the progress and thanked Dr. Gupta for his support and efforts for all these years and for the co-operation extended by the IX IPRAS fund committee. The President described this as one of the historic moments for the Association and also remembered the efforts of several senior members as well as the past presidents.

9. Treasurer's report and accounts for 2009-2010 (Dr. Lokesh Kumar)

Corpus

Our corpus has been showing steady growth and stands at Rs 1.25 Crores. So we are in a reasonably healthy financial state. This money is very wisely invested by our trustees but because of falling interest rates, some drop in prize money is inevitable this year.

Membership

During the financial year 2009-2010 we have added about 70 Life members, 02 Associate members, and 01 full member and there are 5 members who have converted from annual to full life.

IT Return

I am happy to announce that we have successfully resolved the unprecedented situation we faced recently about the APSI accounts. I must acknowledge the efforts by our new executive trustee Dr K Sridhar and our president Dr Mukund Thatte for resolving the issue and a smooth transition of accounts from Ahmedabad to Chennai. I thank both of them on successfully completing this herculean task. I also wish to thank Dr Sridhar for his understanding and cooperation and amalgamating various chapter accounts on our behalf for this year. It is solely due to his efforts that we will be able to file our income tax return on time this year.

IPRAS Congress

I must congratulate Dr Rajiv Ahuja for successfully organizing IPRAS congress at New Delhi and forwarding Rs 15 lacs as an advance from saving. I am sure he will send more when balance sheet is finalized.

Chennai APSICON Meeting

I congratulate Dr Balakrishnan for conducting a very successful APSICON 2009 at Chennai. His collection surpassed previous years. He collected Rs 1crore and 4 Lacs out of which he saved whooping Rs 15,21000/- for our corpus which will be invested in various funds as per his desire.

International Dues

As all of you know that we have been paying our international dues at a highly subsidized rate of \$2 per members against the normal rate of \$ 6. India is now seen and recognized as global power and emerging economy and we feel it is high time that we accept the demand of IPRAS to pay our dues at a normal rate. Because of this Executive committee has proposed to hike the life membership. This extra money as well as contribution from IPRAS savings should be able to meet the extra burden of international dues.

Awards

We have received Rs 3.89 lacs from Dr Sridhar our new executive trustee for various awards which is sufficient to meet our immediate demand for awards money. We have started one new award this year from savings of APSICON 2008 Varanasi. I request you to please go through the newsletter and apply for these awards. We are yet to receive the awards money from J& J so I request the awardees to bear with us and wait for their cheques till I receive the money. Dr Suresh Gupta has been kind enough to send the award money from IX congress funds and the awardees can collect their cheques from me.

I must thank J & J for sending the all the money in advance for the APSI accredited courses and I am glad to say this activity is going on smoothly with their support and by efforts of Dr Rajiv Ahuja.

Conversions to Hony Senior Members

Prof U S Nayak
Dr Ajay Pal Singh
Dr J K Sinha
Dr I K Dhawan
Prof F M Tripathi

And lastly I wish to thank our Trustees for their cooperation and manage the funds of association well and the Auditors Rastogi & Donald & CO for their help and promptness in preparing the final accounts.

Past Treasurer Dr. Bimal Modi pointed out that some communication from Banks, charity commissioner etc. still continues at his address. It was decided to inform the office of the charity commissioner as well as the concerned Income Tax Ward about the current Executive Council, the current Board of Trustees and the current communication address.

On query from Dr. Sadhotara about the international dues, Dr. Rajiv Ahuja informed the general body that currently India is the only country that pays the dues at the rate of USD 2 per member. For every four year period the rates for IPRAS are USD 6 and for Asia Pacific Section they are USD 5. He also informed that soon there will be an invoice coming from these associations and APSI will have to be ready with the payment.

Members complemented the treasurer for all his efforts. The report was passed proposed by Dr. K. S. Shekar and seconded by Dr. R. Bharat.

10. Matters arising out of the executive committee meetings held on 28-3-2010 and 25-10-2010.

Membership Fees

Resolved that from 1st January 2011, Annual Associate membership fees shall be Rs. 1000/- Annual Full membership fees shall be Rs. 1500/- and Life membership fees shall be Rs. 15,000/- Out of the life membership fees

received, roughly third part each will go to International dues corpus, Journal Fund and Life membership fees fund. Admission fees for all paid categories shall remain as Rs. 500/- Income from fees other than the life membership fees will be utilized for general administrative expenditure. Proposed by Dr V. D. Singh Seconded by Dr. Rajiv Ahuja.

APSICON 2009 Surplus

Resolved that from Rs. 15 Lac received from the surplus of APSICON 2009, Rs. 5 Lac will be given to create "Prof. C. R. Sunderrajan Pre Conference Workshop Fund" and remaining Rs. 5 Lac each will be added to Journal Fund and General Corpus Fund or reserve fund for expenditure of the general nature Proposed by Dr Devesh Mehta Seconded by Dr. Sandeep Sharma.

Video Library

Resolved that the assets of APSI video library be handed over to Plastic Surgery teaching department of Medical College, Baroda and the funds be transferred to the general trust account. Proposed by Dr V. Bhattacharya Seconded by Dr. Salampuria

APSI News Letter

Resolved that all subsequent news letters of the association will be in the electronic form only. It is further resolved that it will be the individual member's responsibility to keep his email and mobile numbers updated with the association. It is also resolved that only on written intimation from a member, the physical form of newsletter will be sent by ordinary post under certificate of posting.

Proposed by Dr Gopalkrishna Seconded by Dr. Devendra Gupta

11. Topic for Dr. R. N. Sharma Symposium for APSICON 2011.

The Executive Committee informed the General Body that they are proposing topic of Fat Grafting for this symposium. Other topics considered by the Executive Council included -

- Complete Informed consent
- Research Ethics
- Treating PBC Neck Aesthetically

- Dr. Vijay Kumar from Lucknow proposed Hair Grafting
- Dr. L D Dhami proposed Aesthetic Breast Surgery
- Dr. Jyotsna Murthy suggested Distraction Osteogenesis

After discussion the General Body approved topic of Fat Transplantation and instituted Dr. L. D. Dhami as the convener for the same.

APSI-Plastic Surgeon for the year 20__ Award The Dr. K. S. Shekar Endowment

For the First Three Years the task force for streamlining the procedure and modality shall consist of the president, the president elect, the immediate past president, plus Dr. V. Bhattacharya, Dr. K. Sridhar. Dr. B. A. Ananthram and Dr. K. S. Shekar. Later after three years are over; The President, The Immediate Past President and the President Elect at that time will continue to remain ex-officio members and one of the other four will retire by rotation every year, remaining members will suggest a panel of at-least three names of senior members who are at-least 20 Years post MCh to the then Executive Council, which shall then choose one from the panel and recommend to general Body for ratification Detailed Inclusion Criteria for nomination for this award will be circulated in News Letter to all members

12. Utilization of the Surplus from 15th IPRAS already transferred to the trust.

Dr. Rajiv Ahuja and Dr. K. Sridhar informed the general body about the availability of surplus from 15th IPRAS which was co hosted by APSI at Delhi.

Resolved that this amount shall be added to the International Dues Fund for the time being.
Proposed by Dr Rajiv Ahuja Seconded by Dr. R. Bharat

13. Letter from Dr. Asok Banerjee regarding 'Dr. Mira Sen Banerjee CME Articles in each Issue of IJPS'

The President informed about the desire of Dr. Asok Banerjee to donate Rs. 5 Lac to Association. Dr. Raja Sabapathy informed the house about the donor's idea behind this generosity.

Resolved that the donation of Rs. 5 Lac be added to Journal fund. It is further resolved that Hon. Editor shall invite a CME article from expert on the subject for each issue of IJPS. This author shall be awarded with certificate and suitable cash prize in subsequent Annual Conference, bulk of the interest generated will go to the Journal account for its expenses

Proposed by Dr Ajay Kumar Singh Seconded by Dr. Amresh Baliar Singh

14. Donation from Dr. K. S. Shekar – Past President

Dr. K. S. Shekar has desired to donate Rs. Ten Lac to institute award for the excellence in the specialty. The President informed the house that the award will be in the style and fashion of

Dr. K. S. Shekar made a brief presentation to the general body highlighting his idea for the award. He also immediately presented the cheque to the President. General Body thanked him for this gesture and stressed that this must remain as open fund, to be augmented with future donations

Resolved that The Dr. K. S. Shekar endowment fund be created from donation of Rs. 10 Lac received from Dr. K. S. Shekar. The interest generated shall be utilized every year for "APSI-The Plastic Surgeon for the Year 20__ award"

**Proposed by Dr Mukunda Reddy
Seconded by Dr. Sadhotara**

15. To approve reports of the award utilization

The following reports were found in order and were presented to Executive Council on 25th October. The Executive Council has recommended acceptance of these reports by the General Body.

Ethicon Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery
 - Dr Faisal Ameer
 Ethicon Training Fellowship in Cosmetic Surgery
 – Dr Sunil Arora
 Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery
 – Dr S S Tripathy
 R.G. Saraiya International Training Fellowship
 – Dr Sudhir Singh
 Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery
 – Dr Durga Karki
 Vasudhan Arjin Fellowship in Laser Surgery
 – Dr Vivek Kumar
 Brig Kathpalia fellowship in Hand Surgery
 – Dr Sushil Nahar
 KEM Microsurgery fellowship
 - Dr N Vekateswaran
 IX IPRAS Awards
 International Travelling Fellowship
 – Dr Nikhil Panse
 National Travelling Fellowship
 – Dr Ramneesh Garg
 Chennai Fellowship in Tamil Nadu
 – Dr D P Mohapatra **No Report**
 Chennai Fellowship outside Tamil Nadu
 – Dr Vishal Mago **No Report**

Grants 2009-2010

Promotion of Scientific Activity at Mumbai fund
 – Dr Amresh Baliarsing
 Maharashtra Chapter Fund for CME program /
 workshop in Mumbai – Dr Vinita Puri
 Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund
 – Dr Anubhav Gupta
 Plastic Surgery Venture Fund – Dr Ashok Gupta (to
 prepare DVD on Aesthetic Surgery tutorials
 Prof C R Sunderajan National update
 – Dr Yuri Das Amborcar

Reports from awardees of Professorships-2010

- a) Ethicon-plastic surgery – 2010 Dr Ajoy K Singh
- b) Ethicon-cosmetic surg. – 2010 Dr Milind Wagh
- c) Ethicon-microsurgery – 2010 Dr Ravi Mahajan
- d) Gen. N.C Sanyal professorship – 2010
 – Dr Rakesh Khazanchi

The Secretary informed that grant cheques can be collected from treasurer tomorrow and fellowship recipients will receive their certificates in the

APSICON at Coimbatore. The reports were approved by the General Body.
 Proposed by Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh and Seconded by Dr. Sasanka Chatterjee

16. Plans for APSICON 2005-APSI-Ethicon Accredited Course for 2011

The courses for 2011 are

February : Extremity Trauma-Course coordinator-Dr. Raja Sabapathy and convener Dr. Ravi Mahajan -at Amritsar

May : Craniofacial -Coordinator Dr. Ramesh Sharma and convener-Dr. Anil Behl at Bangalore

September : with Apsicon 2011, Coordinator and convener Dr. Raja Sabapathy- on topic related to Hand- at Coimbatore.

Executives welcomed the idea of taking the accreditation course to new heights and welcomed the continuation of Dr. Rajiv Ahuja as the coordinator of the programme.

The Meeting of senior professors was held yesterday with The President, President Elect and Chairman of Course committee Dr. Ahuja

A Module for completing the MCH/DNB Curriculum in a three year rotation was agreed upon brief of which shall be circulated in the news letter. The three courses for 2011 are part of this module.

To be started from 2012

First in 2012 will be Rhinoplasty Co-ordinators Dr. Ahuja and Dr. Amresh Baliarsing

2013 – Brachial Plexus Co-ordinators Dr. Mukund Thatte and Dr. Rajasabapathy

2014 – Surgery of the Breast Co-ordinators Dr. Mukund Jagannathan and Dr. Milind Wagh

Further details shall follow in next news letter.

17. Suggested Changes in the constitution. Letters from Dr. Anup Dhir and Dr. Devansh

These two members wanted to move the following resolution in the form of amendment in the constitution for the criteria of the qualification to become full annual or life member of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India.

- The mover resolution is worded as reproduced here. “Resolved that for full membership of this association, the candidate must be in possession of MCI recognized qualification and no exception should be made to this rule.”
- President informed the general body of the discussion that took place in the Executive Council. The Executive Committee was of the opinion that current bylaw with regards to the qualification to become member is well worded and that promotion to full annual or full life membership is not automatic. For a member not possessing qualification in Plastic Surgery such promotion is always subject to scrutiny by the Executive Council as well as the approval by the General Body.
- The current constitution with latest amendments was drafted by a committee and was presented to The Charity Commissioner on 09-10-2000. It has duly been approved by the Charity Commissioner on 17-06-2005. Members wanted to know the wordings of the relevant clause.
- This was projected on the screen and reads thus “A Surgeon who has obtained recognized post graduate qualification in plastic surgery and who is actively involved in the practice of plastic surgery **Or** Who has gained proficiency and status in the art, science and practice of plastic surgery as judged by his/her participation in the scientific programmes of the APSI and his/her publications on the subject of Plastic

Surgery in recognized journals and publications.”

- Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh informed that this is a matter of change in constitution and will require 2/3 majority.
- Dr. P. S. Bhandari stated that on several occasions in central government, the DNB qualification is not considered at par with MCh, to which many members shared their personal experience of either nature
- Dr. Shivram said that the views of the Executives may be considered and that no such amendment should be brought.
- Dr. Mukund Jagannathan stated that the training standards for MCh and DNB are different because of the academic set ups and if such an amendment is to be brought, separation might also be necessary for MCh and DNB.
- Dr. Bimal Mody came out with a suggestion that there is no need for absolute change in the current criteria except that only the wordings following or in the second part can be fully removed.
- Dr. Subod Kumar Singh stated that the stress in this entire exercise is about recognition by MCI and therefore person with any Plastic Surgery Qualification, when not recognized by Medical Council of India, can not become a full member.
- Dr. Ravi Mahajan cited several examples of excellent teachers and specialists in Plastic Surgery whose qualifications are not MCI recognized and supported the demand of Dr. Sivram Bharadwaj in stating that such qualifications should not form criteria for exclusion.
- Dr. Bhartendu Swain stated that there is a major issue of credibility and many persons have been practicing the specialty by just

exhibiting the membership certificate of the Association. It was however aptly clarified by the President that Association Membership does not give rights to anybody to practice the specialty and the same has already been published in the last news letter.

- Dr. Philip reminded that the suggestion of Dr. Mody should be considered seriously and that only second part of the criteria be removed.
- Dr. K. S. Goleria informed the house that constitutional amendment is difficult and time consuming process.
- Dr. B. A. Ananthraman stated that there are some Supreme Court judgments where equal voting rights have been accorded to full and associate members. He also stated that current view of the Medical Council of India should also be considered and that our membership qualification criteria must not be against the rules of Medical Council of India.
- Dr. Kalpesh Gajiwala said that the resolution moved by the members seems to have a technical problem of wording and should not be adopted.
- Dr. Amresh Baliarsingh also stated that in the moved resolution too much restriction is visible and that it will take away rights of all those who have qualifications from foreign countries.
- Dr. Mohan Rangaswami also agreed to this point and said that like in Ophthalmology or orthopedics, someone might come out with diploma in our specialty in which case again the membership criteria will have to be redefined.
- Dr. K. Sridhar again clarified that under present constitution of the association the

induction as a member is not automatic. The process still requires permission of the General Body.

- Dr. Bhatnagar suggested that Association should have a separate credential committee and all the applicants must be verified by the committee.
- Dr. Jyotsna Murthy stated that since the membership is now increasing, it really becomes difficult to know the members and their academic qualifications. Hence the strictness in induction is call of the day.
- Dr. Uddhav Patil stated that many members of other societies are practicing various aspects of Plastic Surgery and there can never be a system where by Medical Council or our Association can prevent such activity.
- Dr. B Venkat Ratnam stated that actually the list of topics in training syllabus, duration of training and criteria of examination should form the basis of membership to the Association.
- Dr. Mukund Jagantathan stressed the need that APSI must eventually play major role in the day to day advancement of our specialty.
- Dr. Dhir who has moved this resolution stated that Practice of Our specialty is actually encroached by quacks that have power to advertise.
- Dr. Subodh Kumar Singh added that there cannot be a total denial to specialty graduated from foreign country however they must present their thesis for consideration of their membership.
- Summing up the discussion, the president stated that the Medical Council of India rules might become more strict in near future when restrictions are likely on who can actually practice what. Our constitution

is well worded and a member gets inducted after proper scrutiny only however if the members really wish to make changes in membership criteria, it is suggested that the second part in the current clause may be removed.

- There were several loud discussions on this and hence the president asked physical division of the house. All those who were in favour of removing the second part of the clause were asked to get up from their seats and go to the right side of the dais and similarly all those who wanted the current clause to continue were asked to stand up and move to the left side of dais in the hall.
- It became evident that nearly 3/4th of the members present were in favour of the removal of the second part of the membership criteria.

Resolved with required majority in General Body that the membership qualification criteria shall now read as “A Surgeon who has obtained recognized post graduate qualification in plastic surgery and who is actively involved in the practice of plastic surgery”

Resolved further that necessary application be made to Charity commissioner to remove the following wordings from the same clause “Or Who has gained proficiency and status in the art, science and practice of plastic surgery as judged by his/her participation in the scientific programmes of the APSI and his/her publications on the subject of Plastic Surgery in recognized journals and publications.”

Resolved further that such change in qualification for being Full Annual or Full Life member shall be immediately effective.

18. Announcement of the results of Competitions

The Secretary announced the results of the various Prize competitions that were held after last general Body Meeting as well as during the current APSICON

Peet Prize, Dr. Sumit Singhal for his presentation on Infra Red Thermography
APSI best paper(Junior), Dr. Saumyakumar Naik for his presentation on Grip Strength Analysis

Kamath poster, Dr. Amarnath Manoli for his poster on Forehead Flap for Full Thickness Nasal Defect

McNeil best audio-visual Award to Dr. Nikhil Agarkhedkar

R. N. Sinha award for best paper Published in IJPS in 2009

Formatting the surgical management of Tessier Cleft 3 and 4 – By Raj Kumar Mishra and Ritesh Purwa

N H Antia best publication award in any Journal in 2009

A New Classification and treatment Protocol for gynaecomastia by B Venkat Ratnam

Armed Forces Endowment Award for best published Idea / Innovation / Case Report in IJPS in 2009

"Successful management of free osteocutaneous fibula flap with anomalous vascularity of skin paddle" by Prabha S. Yadav et al. Applying / Corresponding author Dr. G I Nambi

19. Announcing Nominations for Various awards, fellowships and Grants of the association.

- Orations during forthcoming APSICON at Coimbatore
 - Gilles Oration – Dr. G Balakrishnan
 - MM Mukherjee Oration – Dr. Mukunda Reddy
 - Sushruta Oration-Dr. Acland
- Visiting Professorships
 - Ethicon V P in Plastic Surgery-Dr. Mukunda Jagannathan
 - Ethicon V P in Cosmetic Surgery-Dr. Rakesh Kalra
 - Ethicon V P in Micro Surgery-Dr. Rajendra Nehte
 - Gen. N. C. Sanyal V P in Plastic Surgery-Dr. Pradeep Bhargav
- Visiting Professor Lectures
 - Godrej Lecture-Dr. Tonkin - Australia
 - C. Balakrishnan Lecture - Dr S Baliarsing of Bhubaneshwar
 - Dr. A. C. Ganguli Lecture-Dr. Gautam Biswas
- Endowment Lecture
 - Dr. S. N. Sharma Endowment Lecture – Dr. Jaikumar-Kochi

16. New memberships.

The applications were scrutinized by the Executive Council. They comprise of all applications received after last general body and were then being sent to Dr. Arun Kumar Singh till Dr. Atul Shah took over in January 2010.

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- Dr. ACH Watson
- Dr. Michael Carstens



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FL A 030 F92 L10 Dr. S. Arolkar
FL S 187 A05 L10 Dr. Vinay Kant Shankhdhar
FL R 057 F05 L10 Dr. Akshay Kumar Rout
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Some members wanted to know about the procedure of conversion to Senior membership. They were informed that such conversion is either done on application from the member, when he or she completes age of 70 years or when the secretary or the executive council comes to know about any member crossing such age. All memberships were approved by general body.

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

- a) President (one) for 2011

Dr. Raja Sabapathy was declared elected as President for 2011 amidst loud applause.

He received President Medallion from the President Dr. Mukund

Thatte. Dr. Raja Sabapathy handed over the Past President Medal to Dr. Mukund Thatte and thanked all for considering him worthy of the highest responsibility of the Association.



- b) Vice President (one) for 2011 Dr. Arun Kumar Singh of Lucknow was declared elected uncontested for the post of Vice President / President Elect 2011. He thanked the members and specially Dr. Dharmi for withdrawing in his favour. Dr. Singh also requested the general body to allow him to hold the APSICON 2012 and accordingly allow his team to open bank account.

Resolved that a bank account in the name of 'APSICON 2012' may be opened in a suitable bank with the following signatories
Dr Arun Kumar Singh,
Dr Rajiv Agarwal,
Dr Vijay Kumar,
Dr Veerendra Prasad.

- c) Executive Members (two) for 2011-13
The election was conducted as per the new system and members complemented the Executive members for smooth conduct of the voting. The president thanked the Election Officers Dr. Sam C. Bose and Dr. Ramkrishna Nair for their Liaison and also thanked Dr. Karoon Agarwal and Dr. Gopalkrishna for working as polling officers. The Election Officers declared following two members as receiving maximum votes and hence winning

- Dr. Nitin Mokal – Mumbai
- Dr. Ravi Kumar Mahajan – Amritsar

These members will hold post from January 2011 till December 2013.

21. Any other matter with permission of the chair.

As Dr. Raja Sabapathy had to leave for his overseas engagement with a conference, the members congratulated him for his selection to the highest post as well as congratulated Dr. Mukund Thatte and the team for excellent organization of the conference and the Academic industrial exhibition. Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya shared the sentiments of the delegates. Dr. Raja announced the dates for the APSICON 2011 at Coimbatore.

Dates for 46th APSICON

- APSICON 2011 –Main Conference
9-10-11 September 2011 Friday Saturday and Sunday
- Charles Pinto CME - 8th September, 2011 Thursday
- Live Operative Workshop - 7th September, 2011 Wednesday
- PG Course 5 - 6 September, 2011 Monday and Tuesday
- Inauguration of conference - 8th September, 2011 Evening
- EC Meeting and group Photograph 8th September, 2011 Afternoon after Lunch
- Past Presidents Meeting and Group Photograph 8th September, 2011- Noon along with lunch
- Election 10th noon
- General Body 10th Evening Saturday

22. Thanks to the chair. The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

S/d- Hon Secretary





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Important Announcements

Notice of Disposal of Election Ballot Papers – All previous used ballot papers including those used during 45th Annual General Body meeting at Goa shall be disposed of any time on or after February One 2011. Objection may please be intimated to Hon. Secretary by writing well in advance.

Change in Membership Fees—From 1st January 2011, Annual Associate membership fees shall be Rs. 1000/-, Annual Full membership fees shall be Rs. 1500/-, Life membership fees shall be Rs. 15,000/- and overseas membership USD 500/-. Admission fees for all paid categories shall remain as Rs. 500/- (USD 10)

All subsequent newsletters of the association will be in the electronic form only. It will be the individual member's responsibility to keep his email and mobile numbers updated with the association. Only on written intimation from a member, the physical form of newsletter will be sent by ordinary post under certificate of posting.

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