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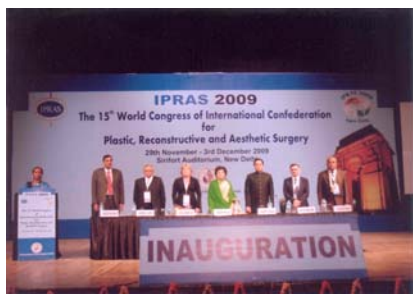
Dear esteemed members,
Season's Greetings!

2009 has been a year full of activity for the APSI. A number of workshops CMEs and conferences were organized all over the country. I am specially mentioning the following:

The 44th Annual conference of our Association was held from 5th to 9th Aug 2009 at Temple Bay Resorts Mahabalipuram (near Chennai). The place is historically famous for its temples and resorts.



A galaxy of 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. G. Balakrishnan, President and Organising committee chairman ably assisted by Dr. G Karthikeyan, Dr A Sivakumar, Dr S Vijayaragavan and others deserve all praise for their untiring efforts and warm hospitality.



Another event which has brought our country into limelight, was hosting the 15th international Congress of the International Federation of

Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (IPRAS) at New Delhi. The Conference was held in India after a gap of 22 years. This was made possible due to the untiring efforts of Dr. R. B. Ahuja.

The conference was organized in the spacious Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi. Nearly all eminent plastic surgeons from world over participated. It was an unique opportunity for the younger plastic surgeons of our country to interact with the who's who in the field of Plastic Surgery. They made the best use of it during

the sessions and during the recesses. The conference shall be remembered for the rich academic feast and the excellent gourmet. Dr. Suresh Gupta, Dr. R. Khazanchi, Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. M. Thatte, Dr. Prabhat Srivastava to name a few actively contributed to the success of the conference.



I am laying office, after having put in 6 years as secretary of this August body. It has been pleasure serving you, which I tried to the best of my

ability. I undertook a number of new initiatives and worked for cohesion, unanimity, harmony in the association. For my shortcomings, I seek your indulgence. I look forward to serving you in the future as well. I am happy to pass over the baton, to a more competent and deserving person Dr .Atul K. Shah, from Baroda. Besides being an excellent Plastic Surgeon, he has the advantage of being well versed in legal and financial matters. He is an asset and I thank him for accepting this responsibility. He can be accessed at secretary.apsi@gmail.com

Minutes of the General body meeting

A General body meeting of APSI was held on 8th August, 6.00 pm at GRT Temple Bay Resorts, Mahabalipuram, Chennai. The following agenda was discussed :

- 1. Opening remarks by the president. The president welcomed the delegates. He also expressed his intention to name the pre conference operative / video workshop of APSICONS after late Prof. C.R. Sundarajan.**
- 2. Condolence to our revered deceased members. It has been the year of tragedies. Prof C R Sunderrajan, Prof V Setu, Prof S K Bhatnagar and Dr S Sethi passed away during the last one year. Members stood in silence for 2 minutes and prayed their Soul rests in peace and may the Almighty give the families , the courage to bear this loss.**
- 3. Felicitations to members on their achievements.**

The president praised the following for their achievements Dr. Ashok Gupta for being awarded the Padmashree. Dr. Subodh K. Singh of on being the key architect in the Oscar winning film “Smile Pinki”. Dr Kalpesh Gajiwala, for the success of his son in the Oscar winning “Slumdog millionaire”. Dr. D.K. Gupta was complimented for writing a book on surgery for dermatological disorders.

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous general body meeting held on 14th November 2008 at BHU, Varanasi. (Circulated vide news letter no. 53 of APSI) **The minutes have already been circulated. They were unanimously passed .Proposed by- Dr. B. G. Tilak Seconded by - Dr. Subramania Aiyer**

5. Secretary's report (Dr A K Singh)

It gives me pleasure to present the annual report of the association of Plastic surgeons of India for the 6th year in succession. 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 taken over as editor. Following the good tradition set up by the previous editor, Dr Mukund Thatte, Dr Bhattacharya has brought out a beautiful first issue of his journal. 46 new members have joined the association this year.

They may collect their membership certificates from the registration desk tomorrow onwards.

During the past one year the association has partially sponsored 5 workshops, in different parts of the country. It has organised 3 professional development courses in collaboration with Ethicon.

The corpus of N C Sanyal professorship has been augmented and it will be an annual fellowship. A new Armed forces endowment award for best case report / idea innovation published in IJPS has been instituted. We thank the organisers of APSICON 2007, esp Gen Sadhotra and Gen Bhargava for it.

APSICON 2008 organised under the chairmanship of Dr V Bhattacharya, shall also be remembered for times to come for the rich academic content and the excellent hospitality. I am extremely happy to announce that the organisers of this APSICON 2009 have passed on to the APSI a savings of Rs 11 lacs 20 thousand, which is a record..

From this year, we are christening our preconference video / operative workshop in the name of our revered Prof C R Sunderajan. Our president informs that an appropriate corpus has already been raised for this.

Each year, this association does something extra for the members. A patient instruction booklet for after care following skin grafting has been published as part of the venture fund. It is in simple Hindi. It can be translated into local language for the benefit of the patients. Please collect it from the registration counter.

Identity cards for life members have been prepared with hard labour put in. They shall be available tomorrow onwards. Despite repeated requests, I have not been able to gather full information from many members. Some photos and informations from previous conferences and membership forms has been included in the i-card. Please fill in the missing information, paste your photo, sign it and return it to me here or send it by courier. I shall get it laminated and send it to you. Or, else you may get it laminated. In case of any incongruity please return the card with the corrections. Kindly preserve your card carefully. It is proof of your membership. You may even need it for voting purposes. The membership numbers have been rationalised for uniformity. There may be little change in your membership numbers. The new membership no is printed in the I card.

The association is collecting data from institutes running MCh / DNB in Plastic Surgery. I have received information from 16 institutes. As soon as I get it from the majority, I shall post it on the web site.

The report was unanimously accepted. Proposed by – **Dr. K. Ramachandran** Seconded by – **Dr. Samir Kumta**

6. Editor's report and accounts for 2008-2009 (Dr S Bhattacharya).

Gone are those days when we yearned for good papers. We now, by a sustained campaign to improve documentation have attracted a large number of papers - 168 papers till date, this year alone. 35-40% of these are overseas contribution and our profile is always improving. To top it all we are now indexed with Pubmed!

Medline review:

In the beginning of the year Medline reviewed our journal and made the following observations:

- The case reports are good but the original papers need to improve
- The overall writing quality is average
- The original articles are too brief with too many tables and long discussion
- The abstracts for original articles are not structured
- Inappropriate use of pronouns – I, me, my etc.

- Many papers do not report on consent and permission of ethics committee
- The references are not according to the journal's instructions

Our response has been swift:

1. We have made it a point that if the science is good we are not going to reject the paper just because the language is below par. We have literally re-written the papers from Title to Bibliography
2. We have requested reviewers to help the first time authors in every way they can. Our reviewers are the selfless souls who decide the quality of our Journal. They are International, unbiased and occult. They metamorphose mundane descriptions into outstanding scientific documents. They are expected to
 - improve the quality of the papers
 - suggest useful references and reforms
 - augment the original text suggest alternative journals

In short they are expected to act as proxy guides

3. **Commentary after a paper also improves the quality of the Journal. We insist on such a commentary:**
 - If reviewers have markedly conflicting opinions
 - If one reviewer has a vastly different take and has some genuine points to make
 - If the science is new but the patient selection is inappropriate
 - If the topic is controversial and the reviewers are skinning the cat differently

E journal

Our journal's website and articles 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. It has been established that open access journals get 2.5 times more citations than subscription based journals and <http://www.google.com/search?q=%22Indian+J+Plast+Surg%22&sourceid=navclient-ff&ie=UTF-8&rlz=1B3GGGL enIN307IN307> shows that most international journals are citing articles from IJPS now.

Our problem:

Lack of funds remains our main problem. Cost of printing and postage has multiplied many folds. Number of copies printed has crossed 1000 and today we are printing almost 13,000 copies. 1250 copies of the last issue cost Rs. 2.5 lacs. Postage / Courier of the last issue costs Rs. 0.51lacs. So if 3.1 lacs are

required for 1 issue, we are staring at an annual budget of Rs. 9.3 lacs

We get about 100 subscription + overseas subscriptions worth about Rs. 2.25 lacs per year. The Association gives us around Rs. 1.1 lacs. So we still have a Rs. 6.0 lacs deficit

Even our traditional well-wishers are not opening their purse string because conferences are being organized at the drop of a hat and there is exsanguinations of our catchments and recession has hit our advertisers and they are avoiding our calls. And we are not attracting newer advertisers

Two regular issues are grossly inadequate: A lots of good papers are waiting publication. This increases the turn_around time and that is not good for any Journal. We will loose good papers if this delay continues

By publishing only 2 issues we can not 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? We should and we must because:

- 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:*
- Every National and International conference organizer should pass on a substantial proportion of the residual amount to the Journal corpus
- Journal CESS may be added to our Membership Fee
- A fee to print colour photographs
- A Nomination Fee should be introduced to our Election process and this should go to the 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
- 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
- If you can influence the decision making of any pharma company or medical technology firm please ask them to advertise in our Journal
- Can we convert the monthly 10-12,000 hits to our E journal into money?

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 i.e. you!

Our editor, Dr. Surjit Bhattacharya made a power point presentation and made a passionate appeal for helping the journal with finances. A lot of discussion ensued. The following emerged out of the discussions;

- Dr. V. Bhattacharya informed that APSICON 2008 has generated a savings of Rs Eleven lacs twenty two Thousand three hundred and forty (Rs11,22,340/-). The organizing committee has suggested utilization of the savings in the following way. Rs six lacs (6,00,000/-) be used to augment the journal fund corpus. The remaining Rs five lacs twenty two thousand three hundred and forty (5,22,340/-) to create a new corpus in the name of 'Scientific activity in Uttar Pradesh fund'.**
- Dr. Tajinder Bhatti suggested that he may be given a stall free of cost by the organizers for the next 3 years. He could put memorabilia for sale. The profit shall go to the journal corpus. It was agreed upon Dr. M. Thatte promised to start this from APSICON -2010**
- Donations: Many members offered to donate money for the journal. The editor was requested so collected the same and request for the same from other member as well.**

7. Treasurer's report and accounts for 2008-2009 (Dr Lokesh Kumar)

I have been treasurer of this August body now for more then 3 years. It gives me immense pleasure to give my forth report as treasurer to this August body. During the financial year 2008-2009 we have added about 49 Life members, and there are 3 members who have converted from annual to full life. The issue of non payment of dues by annual member is being sorted out. There are many who have converted to full life but still these are some whose due remain pending. As per executive committee decision the action of deleting their names is being started after proper notification.

I must congratulate Prof V. Bhattacharya for organizing a very successful meeting at Varanasi. It heartening to see that his collections surpass all previous years. It was to the tune of Rs 8641106.03. He saved Rs 11,22,340 for the of the APSI which is unprecedented. The trustees have given us 5.5 lacs which is less than previous years because of falling interests rates on FDs. Because of this we had to reduce the amounts given for various awards.

Our total corpus is more then a crore now. So we are in a reasonably healthy financial state.

As you know we are adding some new prizes every year and I request the members to please read the newsletter and apply for these funds. Please do note that there are some awards and prizes every year which are not disbursed because we do not get any applicants for the same.

I thank the regional chapters, Video library, 9th Congress fund and editor for sending their audited accounts before 30th June which were duly submitted to the trustees in time to help them in making comprehensive audited accounts before the Income tax return date which is usually September- October.

And lastly I wish to thank our trustees for their cooperation and mange the funds of association well and the Auditors Rastogi & Donald & Co. for their help in amalgamating the various chapter accounts other than the trust.

8. Trustee's report (Dr Sam C Bose) . **Dr. Sam C. Bose narrated the circumstances in which he was entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the accounts and that too in a short time . He has tried to do his best in the given circumstances. He circulated the accounts of the association for the financial year ending 31st March 2009.**

During the discussion that ensued, some members pointed out indiscripencies in the account. It was decided that the account shall be corrected and

circulated. If any objection is not received the accounts shall be taken as passed. Members thanked Dr. Sam C. Bose for his valuable help. It was resolved to pay remuneration (equivalent to that of last year) to the chartered accountant who prepared the accounts this year. Proposed by Dr. R K Sharma and seconded by Dr. Ashok Koul.

9. Matters arising out of the executive committee meetings held on 10-5-2009 and 5-8-2009.

- Our relationship with the ASI – Our President Dr G Balakrishnan, had attended the Governing council meeting of the ASI (Association of Surgeons of India) at their invitation. He informed the Governing Council that APSI is now a separate, independent registered body. It can have only academic link with the ASI and that too with proper invitation and in main sessions.
- Changes in the constitution – Dr R Kalra, Dr Atul Shah had given notices for changes in the constitution. It was discussed in detail. It was decided that the suggested changes be put before the general body for consideration. The existing clauses along with the suggested changes have been circulated through the previous news letter. It is being reproduced at agenda no. 15
- Change in election procedure – detailed at item no 14 of this agenda
- Indemnity policy for our members- Dr Atul Shah has negotiated a group indemnity policy for our members which covered aesthetic surgery procedures. It has been circulated in the news letter. Members can directly correspond with him for the same. The stipulated money shall be sent by the members to the treasurer who shall pass it on to the company on the advice of Dr Shah.
- Amalgamation of the accounts- It was decided the treasurer shall receive the accounts and send the accounts for amalgamation and circulation to the trustees
- Savings from APSICON 2007 – Rs 1.50 lacs. Has already been given to the association One lac to create a corpus in the name of , Armed forces endowment award for the best case report/ idea innovation published in IJPS. And the reexamining 50,000/- to augment the corpus of the Gen Sanyal fund so that it may be an annual feature.

Resolution: *The general body resolves to create a new corpus with one lac rupees in the name of , Armed forces endowment award for the best case report/ idea innovation published in IJPS. And the*

remaining 50,000/- to augment the corpus of the Gen Sanyal fund. Proposed by Dr. (Gen) P.S. Bhandari Seconded by Dr. Subodh K.Singh.

- Savings from APSICON 2008 – Dr V Bhattacharya has posted a savings of Rs 11,22,340/- (Eleven lacs twenty thousand three hundred and forty. without any riders. Members profusely thanked him for the same. They asked him for his wish to utilize the money. He suggested that Rs 6 lacs be used to augment the corpus of the IJPS and the remaining to start an APSICON2008 award for promotion of scientific activity in Uttar Pradesh. **Resolution:** *The general body resolves to augment the corpus of the journal fund by Rs 6 lacs. It also resolves to create a new corpus with five lacs twenty thousand three hundred and forty rupees (Rs 5,22,340/-) in the name of APSICON 2008 award for promoting scientific activity in Uttar Pradesh. Proposed by Dr. J. K. Sinha and Seconded by Dr. S. Rohatagi*
- **Various awards, fellowships and Grants of the association.**
 - i) Nomination for Gillies Oration for the year 2010 : Dr V Bhattacharya
 - ii) Nomination for M M Mukerjee Oration for 2010 : Dr Ashok K Gupta
 - iii) Nomination for Sushruta Oration for the year 2010 : Dr K Sridhar
 - iv) Nominations for the following awards
 - a) Ethicon visiting professorship in plastic surgery – 2010 Dr Ajoy K Singh
 - b) Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surg. – 2010 Dr Milind Wagh
 - c) Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery – 2010 Dr Ravi Mahajan
 - iv) Gen. N.C Sanyal professorship – 2010 – Dr Rakesh Khazanchi
 - v) Name of Godrej visiting professor 2010 to be decided
 - vi) C. Bala Krishnan visiting professor 2010 – Dr R K Nair
 - vii) A C Ganguli Lecture – Dr D K Gupta
 - viii) S N Sharma endowment lecture – S S Chaterjee
 - ix) Topic for R.N. Sharma Symposium for 2010 annual conference:
The executive suggests – hair transplantation, Reconstruction of the weight bearing sole. Obesity Reconstruction of the weight bearing sole was chosen
 - x) To approve the reports of awardees – 2009
 - i) Gen. N.C Sanyal professorship - not this year
 - ii) Ethicon visiting professorship in plastic surgery – 2009 : Dr Karoon Agarwal
 - iii) Ethicon visiting professorship in cosmetic surg. – 2009 : Dr Jayakumar (No report)
 - iv) Ethicon visiting professorship in microsurgery – 2009: Dr Samir Kumta
 - v) Ethicon Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery- Dr Ramneesh Garg

- vi) Ethicon Training Fellowship in Cosmetic Surgery– Dr D Karki .
- vii) Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery– Dr K Goswami **.(no report)**
- viii) R.G Saraiya International Training Fellowship– Dr Vijay Langer .
- ix) Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery– Dr A Mandal .
- x) Vasudhan Arjin Fellowship in Laser Surgery– Dr Pramod Kumar .
- xi) Brig Kathpalia fellowship in Hand Surgery– Dr V Mago
- xii) APSI sponsorship for PG trainee to attend APSICON 2008 – Dr Sunil Arora, Dr Sardar Mahipal Singh
- xiii) KEM Microsurgery fellowship- Dr Vivek Kumar
- xiv) IX IPRAS Awards
 - International Travelling Fellowship –,
 - a) Dr Pateek Arora -
 - b) National Travelling Fellowship - Dr Ashish Rai **(no report)** -
 - xv) For CME/Workshop – One – of Chennai conf
 - xvi) Chennai Fellowship in Tamil Nadu — Dr Faisal Ameer
 - xvii) Chennai Fellowship outside Tamil Nadu – Dr Mahendra M Gupta
- b) Grants - 2009
 - i) Promotion of Scientific Activity (Plastic Surgery) at Mumbai fund – Dr Mukund Jagannathan
 - ii) Maharashtra Chapter Fund For CME program / workshop in Mumbai – Dr A D Dias
 - iii) Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund – Dr R Agarwal
 - iv) Plastic Surgery Venture Fund – Dr H V Satish (for DVD on Cong hand anomalies)
 - v) Prof C R Sunderajan National update – Dr Nitin Mokal
- xii) Applications for fellowships and grants – 2010
 - 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
 - APSI sponsorship for PG trainee to attend APSICON 2009 – Dr R M Chilgar (of JJ hosp), Dr P S Barooah (of Varanasi),
 - KEM Microsurgery fellowship- Dr N Vekateswaran
 - IX IPRAS Awards *(subject to availability)* For CME/Workshop –of 2009
 - International Travelling Fellowship – Dr Nikhil Panse
 - National Travelling Fellowship – Dr Ramneesh Garg
 - Chennai Fellowship in Tamil Nadu – Dr D P Mohapatra

- Chennai Fellowship outside Tamil Nadu – Dr Vishal Mago

- Grants-

Promotion of Scientific Activity (Plastic Surgery) 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

10. APSI – Ethicon Professional development courses of APSI.

- Oct 21-23, 2009 – at Kochi – Head and Neck reconstruction
- Feb 2010 – at Guwahati - Genital Reconstruction
- Oct 2010 – at Goa

11. Progress regarding IPRAS 2009 at Delhi– Dr R B Ahuja informed about the progress of the preparations, about the shortfall in revenue collection due to less no of stall bookings. He exhorted the members to take benefit of the congress being held in India by registering in large numbers.

12. Upgrading APSI web site. Request of Rs 10,000/- and continue it for next year.

It was unanimously resolved to provide the secretary an amount requested to the secretary of Rs/ ,10,000/- for this purpose. Proposed Dr. Bimal Mody Seconded Dr. Prabhat Srivastava

13. Hosting operative Videos on web site. Dr S B Gogia – Has videos of operative procedures. He is ready to host it on the web. Concessional subscription to APSI members. He will issue a password. Members are requested get in touch with him directly.

14. Change in election procedure.

The present procedure.

Advantages: By and large dispute free, because all the legal formalities of, identification, good standing including in the matter of payment of dues are taken care of.

The whole process is open and is above board.

Disadvantages: Time consuming for the all the attendees. Members departing early miss the election result.

The postal ballot system:

Advantages: Every member given an opportunity to vote.

Disadvantages: The identity of each member to whom the voting paper is dispatched is known but that is no proof of the identity of the actual person exercising the voting power leading to a scope of malpractice.

All Communications have to be by registered mail. The costs are high and are ever rising. The opportunity given to vote is exercised by a small minority and that too often partially.

Postal nomination, withdrawal & voting independent of GB meeting:

Advantages: Every attending member can participate as now.

Disadvantages: Most of the disadvantages mentioned under postal ballot remain, except that the announcement of results will not drag on the meeting and the results will be out before the members leave.

Announcement in pre-conference newsletter, filing of nomination on first day, withdrawal on the second day, voting on the third day and result in General Body Meeting.

Advantages: Every attending member can participate as now.

Disadvantages: Canvassing through the length of the scientific programme can be a distraction.

In addition to avoid :- malpractices

- insinuations of malpractices

- endless arguments involving the board

members

- it would be advisable and necessary to nominate an election officer/s earlier, at the previous meeting, to ensure that his role is above suspicion. The only drawback would be in ensuring that the commitment made by the election officer so chosen, is honoured a year later.

To sum-up:

The existing practise was initiated keeping in mind most of these problems. However our association has since grown from a few hundred to over a thousand and a review is in order.

The options enumerated above, basically proposed by Prof. Karoon Agrawal, appear to be the only possible options.

The last option will overcome the short comings of the present system, without creating other problems.

However, I would suggest, that we keep in mind the creation of an independent election authority, by the prior appointment of an election officer, preferably from among members not likely to seek office in the near future.

During the general body meeting at Varanasi , It was decided to constitute a committee to change the election procedure. The president. Dr. V.Bhattacharya nominated. Dr. K.Sridhar, Dr. Karoon Agarwal, Dr .K.S. Goleria, Dr. Atul Shah and Dr. K. S. Shekhar to the committee. They received suggestions from the members. Besides that, suggestions received by the secretary were also forwarded to the committee for deliberations.

The committee has gone through the pros and cons of various modalities and deliberated on them in detail. It was of the opinion that the elections be continued during the conference. Postal ballot and electronic voting were not recommended. The committee suggested various options.

The executive committee of our association has extensively discussed the issue and the recommendations of the committee. It has unanimously decided to recommend the following to the general body for consideration and adoption. The election shall be held during the annual conference.

i) Vacant posts shall be notified by the secretary, through the news letter.

ii) Nominations duly proposed and seconded shall be submitted on the day of Charles Pinto CME and day one of the conference till noon time

iii) Scrutiny between 12 -1 pm.

iv) The list shall be displayed on the notice board by 1pm.

v) Withdrawal shall be permitted till 12 noon next day within 24 hours (day 2 of the conf)

vi) The final list of contestants will be put on by 1pm on same day.

vii) Ballot paper shall be distributed and submitted between 2 - 5 p.m. on day 2 of the conference.

viii) Counting shall be done 5 p.m. onwards on day 2 of the conference. Once the counting has started no ballot papers shall be issued. A member nominated by the president with the help of the secretary of APSI shall scrutinize the list of delegates.

The result shall be declared during the general body meeting, The election officers shall be appointed by the president on the day one of the conference. It is not mandatory to register for the conference to be able to vote. After some deliberations it was agreed upon.

Proposed by – Dr. Atul K. Shah Seconded by- Dr. Ajoy K.Singh

15. Suggested Changes in the constitution. Have already been circulated earlier and are being reproduced below :

ORIGINAL PARAGRAPHS OF THE BYE LAWS of APSI	RECOMMENDED CHANGES (Drs R Kalra, A Shah, K Sridhar and the executive)
<p>Article II - THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>A. COMPOSITION:</p> <p>The Executive Body of the APSI shall be known as the Executive Council(hereafter referred to as 'Council' which shall consist of President, Vice-president, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, Hon. Editor, Six Counsellors and the immediate Past President (Ex-Officio).</p> <p>B. DURATION OF OFFICE:</p> <p>The Council shall be elected at an Annual General Body Meeting and its members will hold office as detailed below:</p> <p>President : 1 Year</p> <p>Vice President : 1 Year</p> <p>Hon. Secretary : 3 Years</p> <p>Hon. Treasurer : 3 Years</p> <p>Hon. Editor : 3 Years</p> <p>6 Counsellors : 3 Years</p> <p>(2 retiring by rotation every year)</p> <p>C. EXTENTION OF TERM AND RETIREMENT:</p> <p>1. The President: The Vice President shall on completion of his term be normally elected to the Office of the President. The Office of the President</p>	<p>Article II - THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>A. COMPOSITION:</p> <p>The Executive Body of the APSI shall be known as the Executive Council(hereafter referred to as 'Council' which shall consist of President, Vice-president, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, Hon. Editor, Six Counsellors and the immediate Past President (Ex-Officio).Executive trustee shall also be an invited member without voting rights.</p> <p>B. DURATION OF OFFICE:</p> <p>The Council shall be elected at an Annual General Body Meeting and its members will hold office as detailed below:</p> <p>President :</p> <p>1 Year</p> <p>Vice President : 1 Year</p> <p>Hon. Secretary : 3 Years</p> <p>Hon. Treasurer : 3 Years</p> <p>Hon. Editor : 3 Years</p> <p>6 Counsellors : 3 Years</p> <p>(2 retiring by rotation every year)</p> <p>C. EXTENTION OF TERM AND RETIREMENT:</p> <p>1. The President: The Vice President shall on completion of his term elevated to the Office of the President. The Office of the President shall normally be for</p>

shall normally be for One Year but under no circumstances shall exceed two years.

~~2. The Vice President: A Member of APSI shall be proposed for the Vice-Presidency by the Executive Council to the Annual General Body Meeting. Further proposal shall also be called from the floor of the house.~~

In the event of there being more than one candidate the election shall be by ballot. The Member so called also be the President-elect. The term of office of the Vice-President shall be for one year. This could be extended by the General Body but shall not exceed two years.

3. Two Counselors shall retire by rotation every year, the vacancies so caused shall be filled by election among the Members present at the Annual General Body Meeting.

4. The Members of the Council to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment, but as between Members of equal seniority, the Members to retire shall in the absence of agreement between themselves, be selected from amongst them by lots.

D. ELIGIBILITY:

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3. The 'Council' with the approval of the General Body may frame and implement Election Rules without violating in spirit the provisions contained herein.

One Year but under no circumstances shall exceed two years.

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In the discussion that followed, Dr. K. S. Goleria suggested that the changes suggested in the constitution were of a minor nature. The change of an election process, does not need a constitutional amendment. Making the changes in the constitution is major exercise. Hence it may be deferred at this time. Members agreed to his suggestion.

16. New memberships.

- FL-M 091 L2008 Dr. Mohan Jagannathan - 103, Erikuarah St. Sec. 4 Peangudi -600096
- FL-G 067 L2008 Dr. G. Karthikekan - 40/6, Astha Lakshmi Appts,V Trust Cross St.Mandaveli,Chennai 600028
- FL-P 089 L2008 Dr. P. Nellaiappar- N.96, Village St TollgateChennaiTamil Nadu-6000017.

- FL-D 053 L2008 Dr. Vittal,Dhamodara Raj - Flat 1334m,NPL Anjali Appts264, MTH Road, Villiwakam , Chennai -600049
- FL-S 216 L2008 Dr. Sadhu, Sanjay Shri Mahant Inireesh Hosp., Patel Nagar, Deheradun -248001
- FL-K 093 L2008 Dr. Kumar, Shalab - C-1a/40C, Janak Puri ,New Delhi -110058
- FL-M 092 L2008 Dr. Mantri, Raghav - 1-B/152, Ridgwiid Estate ,PH-4 ,DLF, Gurgaon -122002
- FL-B 094 L2008 Dr. Bisoniyia, Hari Singh -348, Rohit Nagar,Phase-IBhopal -462 039
- FL-S 217 L2009 Dr. Sridhar- , R 22/8, Second Street Kumaran Colony, Vadapalani , Chennai-600010
- FL-S 218 L2009 Dr. Satish, Chetan - 67,14th Cross, I Block, R. T. Nagar, Bangalore -560032
- FL-A 082 L2009 Dr. Alen, Neela Catherine - NN3, Ridhi Sidhi Appts, Iskcon Rd, Siliguri Darjeeling -734001
- FL-M 093 L2009 Dr. Madhusudan, Bandi - New 20,(old12),Lynwood Avenue Mahalingapuram Nungambakam,Chennai-600034
- FL-J 051 L2009 Dr. Jagdeesan, Pablo Neruda - A-3, Llyods Colony, Royapettah Chennai -600014
- FL-J 052 L2009 Dr. Jeyakumar, P - HIG,4F, Bharatih Dasan Colony, K.K.Nagar Chennai -600078
- FL-K 094 L2009 Dr. Krishnachetty, Rajendran - 8/5,No.1 market Street,Annappet, Salem -636003
- FL-A 083 L2009 Dr. Angappan, Ragu - Senihill Hosp., 8/1 R&R Layoot, Behind Brooke Bond Rd, R.S.Prm, Coimbatore-641002
- FL-S 219 L2009 Dr. Shetty, Deepak Shankar - 9/3,2nd Cross, LIC colony , 3rd Block East, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011
- FL-U 008 L2009 Dr. Ulganathan, Prabhakar - 6,Yadhava Street Kumbakonam - 612001
- FL-K 095 L2009 Dr. Kohli, Romesh - 501,Teerath Bakhshi Appts, New Hyderabad , Lucknow -226007
- FL-N 039 L2009 Dr. Narayanswamy, Jithendran - 11-5-274/2,Rd.No.3, Venkateshwar Colony, Saroor Nagar,Hyderabad-500035
- FL-J 053 L2009 Dr. Jinka, Rajesh- F-2,Madhura Nagar, S.R. Nagar (Post) Hyderabad -500038
- FL-G 068 L2009 Dr. Ganji, Gnaneswar Srinivasa – B-1, Happy Gagan Flats, 1-2-385, Domal Goda, Hyderabad 500029
- FL-B 095 L2009 Dr. Brindavan, Sasmith Sanjeev - C/o DVS Sharma, Plot No. 9-4-84/133, Kakatiya Ngr clny, Nr Mehdipatnam Hyderabad -500008
- FL-D 055 L2009 Dr. Deshpande, Manish Bhagwan Bahar-46/A Ganesh nagar, Nanded -431602
- FL-S 220 L2009 Dr. Sunderavavelu, Suresh Kumar-2/285, Balaji , Illam Vi Cross, Periasamy Ngr Alagapuram, Pv DvrSalem -636016
- FL-G 069 L2009 Dr. Gharwade, Chandrakant Rambhau-2/G, Mukund Prathima, HSG soc., Indraprasth Park, 90 Feet Rd, Mukund (E), Mumbai -400081
- FL-D 056 L2009 Dr. Deepak, K.L. - No.55,6th Main, Chamrajpet, Bangalore -560018
- FL-T 043 L2009- Dr. Taank, Parmod Kumar,- Deptt. Of plastic surgery, C.S.MM University, Lucknow-226003

- FL-Y 007 L2009- Dr. Yogishwarappa- C. N., No.205 ,A2 sharavajai NGV Koramangala-560047
- FL-J 054 L2009- Dr. Jha, Manoj Kumar- 6086/2 ,sector-D,pocket 6, Vasant Kunj New Delhi-110070
- FL-N 040 L2009- Dr. Nambi, G.I.- no-11 Punniyam Deepika,Subbarayan Street, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai-600030
- FL-M 009 L2009- Dr. Madhukumar, M. G-. No-167,1st Floor, 10th B Nmain 1st Block Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011
- FL-M 095 L2009- Dr. Mugada, Rao Srinivas- 6-23-5,F103,East End Enclave, East point colony Vishakhapatnam-530017
- FL-R 071 L2009- Dr. Rajan, G B- No.6, Fourth street sevanagar,Gandhi Salai, Velachery, Chennai-600042

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- FL-P080 A06L08 Dr. Atul Parashar,- Asst Prof, Dept of Plastic Surgery, PGI, Chandigarh 160012
- FL-P 012 F94 ,Dr. James Pandian,- S R M Medical College and Research Institute S R M Ngr, Kattan Kulathur, Kanchivaram, - 603 203
- FL A 078 A07 L09 Dr. Ameer, Faisal, Buddha Hostel ,Chowk , Lucknow-226003
- FL -M 084 A07 L09 Dr. Devi Prasad Mohapatra, Department of Plastic Surgery, C.S.M. Medical University, Lucknow -226003
- FL- S 200 A06L09 Dr. Sheikh, Adil Bashir- New Chinar Bagh, Old Gagribal Road, Srinagar - 190001
- FL -K 078 A05L09 Dr. Vivek Kumar- 242/100, Narain Das Lane Yahiyaganj, Lucknow - 226 003
- F- S 048 Dr. Anupam Sharan- C-5 Gopal Mohan Housing Scheme, Sitapur Road, Lucknow - 226 006
- FL -S 213 A08L09 Dr. Sachithanandam, Kumaran-Saiarul, No.2, Oa Ramasamy Street, Gandhinagar, Erode - 638009
- FL -U 006 A05L09 Dr. Divya Narayan Upadhaya, - B-2/128, Sector-F, Jankipuram, Lucknow - 226 021
- FL- E 001 A98 F2000 Dr. Ravindra P. Eligar- S-1, 2nd floor.,D Block, Revankar Complex, Court Circle, Hubli - 580 029
- FL - P074 A04L09 - Ramesh Rao, Balerama House, Nadsal Vill. Udupi, Karnataka 574111.

Life Associate members

- AL-D 054 F09 Dr. Dhua,Subha - R.No.153,Krishna block, Ladies Hostel, M.S.Rahman Medical College Bangalore-560054
- AL-K 096 L09 Dr. Khare, Anurag -10, Blunt SquareBhairon Bhavan, Lucknow -226 004
- AL-M 094 L09 Dr. Maurya, Sanjay 302, Dellinea, Nyati Estate, Mohammed Wadi, Pune- 411 028
- AL-T 044 L2009- Dr. Tipathy, Satyaswarup-C/o,Prof.S.C.Sharma,A-23,Ramesh Vihar Colony, Ramghat Rd. Aligarh-
- AL-S 221 L2009- Dr. Shome, Devraj- 215/a/a1 MLA colony, Singapur Hut 2nd floor,Banjara hills Rd.no.12, Hyderabad-500034

Associate Annual Members

- AA-B 093 A2008 Dr. Babhulkar, Sonali Narayanrao - Flat No. 13, Sarjai Appts, Gururaj Society, Paud Road, Pune-411 038

Honorary Members

- HO-E 002 L2008 Dr. Elliot, David –

Overseas Member

- OL-A 081 L2008 Dr. Ali, Mohd Ayub - 90/G Azimpur Colony, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Senior Members

- SM- K 097 L2009 Dr. N. N. Khanna- A15, Brij Enclave, Sundarpur, Varanasi -231005
- SM- R 019 F86 L09 Dr. S. R. Rangnathan- Plot no. 36, 'Ratna', D.No. 6-20-11/12, East point colony, Vishakhapatnam -530023

Pending – DrAntony Arvind – MBBS< Dip Dermat, FRCS, BAAPS training. *Following recommendation of the president was cleared by the executive - Dr Ambrish Gupta.*

17. Results of awards:

- Peet Prize - Col Dr P S Bhandari (*Dorsal approach in Spinal XI to Suprascapular in BPI*)
- APSI best paper (Junior) – Dr R Nandini (*Role of USG in Brachial Plexus Injuries*)
- Kamath poster, Dr. Bibhuti Nayak - (*Neonatal Cleft Lip surgery*)
- McNeil best audio visual – Dr R Nandini - (*Role of USG in Brachial Plexus injury*)
- R.N. Sinha best paper, **None found suitable.**
- NH Antia best publication – Dr Hari Venkataramni (*Functional outcome of nerve transfer foe restoration of shoulder and elbow flexion in upper limb brachial plexus injury*).
- Armed forces endowment award for best case report/ ideas or innovation published in IJPS. – Dr Jyotsna Murthy (*Roberts S C Syndrome – a rare syndrome and Cleft Palate repair*)

18. Election to the following posts:

- a) President (one) - for 2010: **Dr Mukund Thatte**
- b) Vice President (one) - for 2010: **Dr R Sabapathy**
- c) Secretary (one) - for 2010 -12: **Dr. Atul K. Shah**
- d) Executive Members (two) -for 2010-12 **Dr. B.G.Tilak and Dr. Amreesh Baliarsing**

19. Any other matter with permission of the chair.

- Letter from Dr Anup Dhir: It pertained to adding serice tax to Aesthetic Surgery. **The secretary informed that he had written to the Finance Minister. Dr Balakrishnan had taken up the matter the union deputy finance minister. Despite our efforts no relief is within sight. A committee consisting of Dr. Surgesh Gupta , Dr. Anup Dhir and Dr. Lokesh Kumar was constituted to pursue the matter and suggest further action.**

- **Opening of account for APSICON 2010 : It was unanimously resolved that an account in the name of APSICON 2010 BE OPENED AT Mumbai with the following signatories – Dr. Mukund Thatte ,Dr. Nitin Mokal, Dr. Shailesh Ranade , and Dr,Milind Wagh Proposed by Dr. R. Murugesan and seconded by Dr. Vijai Kumar.**
- **Buying of aluminium hard boxes and transfer of records to the next secretary at actual postal charge basis as registered parcel. : The out going secretary, Dr. A. K. Singh – requested for permission to buy Aluminium boxes for the offices records and its transfer of the records to the incoming secretary. The members resolved that the association shall reimburse the costs on actual basis. Proposed by Dr. G Biswas and seconded by Dr. Anu Bhushan.**
- **Authorising the incoming secretary to open an account: It was unanimously decided that the incoming secretary be authorised to open an account in the name of ‘Secretary APSI’. Proposed by Dr R Murugesan and seconded by Dr Nimmi Lalvani.**

20. Remarks by incoming president and outline of activities for 2009.

- **Dr Mukund Thatte, thanked the members for unanimously electing him as the president. He promised a memorable conference at Goa. He showed a video. He informed that the registrations are open.**

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

S/d- Hon Secretary

Achievements of members: Congratulations !



- Dr. R. B. Ahuja was unanimously elected the Secretary General for the Asia Pacific Section of IPRAS. A rare honour indeed. He has brought India in a pivotal role in international plastic surgery related affairs.



- Dr. G. Balakrishnan has been awarded DSc Honoris causa by the Dr. M. G. R. Medical University , Chennai . He has

also been awarded Honorary FRCS by Royal College of Surgeons of England.

- Dr. G. Manokaran has been elected president of International Society of Lymphology at 22nd ILC Conference in Sydney.

- Dr. P. K. Bhilwani has been selected as orator for this prestigious Brig. (Dr). R Ganguly oration of Association of Surgeons of India, 2010 session.

Change of Addresses

- Dr. Ganga Kishor Vatti – 74-11-7 , Medicare Hospital, Prakash Nagar, Rajahmundry, 534103
- Dr.S. K. Singh- Deptt of Plastic Surgery, Command Hospital (EC) Alipore, Kolkatta-700027
- Dr. Kripa Ram Rao, D-28, Jayant Society Jamnagar, Gujarat- 361008
- Dr. Faisal Ameer, 362, Bhagpat Gate Behind D N College, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250002
- Dr. V. Usha , 12, 3rd Main Road , Nehru Nagar, Adayar , Chennai Tamil Nadu- 600020
- Dr. Ashutosh Mishra, A-202/203 Vasundhara Valley Apartments Sector -6, Vasundhara Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201012
- Dr. Shammi Purwar, Flat no:10,Married Doctors' Flats Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi- U. P.- 221005

Forth coming events

- 12th International masters course on ageing skin (IMCAS)- Paris , 8th -11th Jan 2010. For details please contact at imcascongress@wandoo.
- 2010 Onco Plastic and breast satellite symposium meeting , 14th- 17th Jan 2010. Kingscliff NSW , Australia. For details please contact Suzene Ali at SALI@plasticsurgery.org.au.
- Master Class on the Management of Chronic Venous Disease. Department of Surgery, L. T. M. Medical College and Hospital, Mumbai 19th -20th Jan 2010.Please contact on 24042095,24063102
- 5th International Tutorials in Aesthetic Surgery , Mumbai, 4th to 7th Feb 2010. for details please contact Dr. Ashok K. Gupta at drguptaashok@yahoo.co.in
- Workshop on Endoscopic Aesthetic Surgery and micro hair transplantation at Lucknow 10th-12th Feb.2010.For details please contact Dr. Vaibhav Khanna at vai_mil@rediffmail.com
- Rhinoplasty & facial Rejuvenation Workshop-Poona, 12th-14th Feb 2010. For details please contact Dr. Amol Deshpande at dramolent@gmail.com.
- Facelift- hands on human cadaver workshop - Nicosia, Greece, 20th-21st Feb 2010, For details please visit www.3rdplasticsurgerycourse.com or contact Dr. Harris at info@harriszavrides.com

• **APSICON 2005- APSI-Ethicon accredited**

Courses: APSI has developed and planned CME courses spread over three years to complement the training of postgraduate students of plastic surgery and qualified plastic surgeons. This course would provide holistic approach to the management of problems and will provide time for academic discussion. A certificate of CME credits will be provided to all participants. The course is limited to 40 participants and request you to register at the earliest. The course fee is Rs. 2,500 per course. *This is fully refundable to all APSI members and bonafide plastic surgery students who attend the course.*

Application should include Name, correspondence address, mobile phone number or contact number and email. Application should be accompanied by draft / on par cheque of Rs. 2,500 payable at the relevant city. PG's should include certificate from the head of the department.

• **The next course on Genitourinary surgery is at Guwahati Medical College, on 27th- 28th Feb. 2010. For details please contact Dr. Seema Rekha Devi at seemarekha@hotmail.com.**

- Aesthetic surgery workshop – Baroda, Gujarat 12th -13th March 2010. for details please contact Dr. Umesh Shah at aesthetic2010@gmail.com.
- 22nd annual symposium on advanced wound care and wound healing society (SAWE/ WHS) , Orlando, U.S.A., 17 -20th Apr 2010. Details at www.spring.sawc.net
- Aesthetic Meeting 2010 of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and the Aesthetic Surgery Education & Research Foundation, Washington, DC – 22nd - 27th Apr, 2010. for details please visit www.surgery.org.
- Annual conference of UP Chapter of Association of plastic Surgeons of India (UPAPSICON2010), Lucknow 21st-22nd Aug 2010. For details please contact at info@kgmuplasticsurgery.edu.in.
- 6th International Muscle Symposium 2010, at Vienna, Austria, 2nd -4th Sept.2010. for details please contact office@musclesymposium2010.
- 4th Annual National conference and 1st International meet on wound care (wound care con 2010, at KMC , Manipal, 3rd – 5th Sept 2010.
- Annual conference of Indian Society of Cleft Lip , palate and craniofacial anomalies (ILCPA), New Delhi- 23rd-25th Apr 2010. For details please contact Dr. O. P. Kharbanda at indocleftcon2010@gmail.com.
- KPSA annual meeting CME on cleft and craniofacial surgery will be held on 24th-25th Apr 2010. For details please contact Dr. Subramania Iyer at subu@aims.amrita.edu or Dr. U. R.Nandkumar at drnandkumar@yahoo.co.uk.
- Annual scientific congress 2010, Perth Australia 4th-7th May, 2010. For details please visit www.asc.surgeons.org.
- 6th International symposium on diabetic foot, Netherlands 11th -14th May, 2011. For details please contact at info@diabetic.net.
- 21st Annual Meeting of EURAPS Manchester, UK, 27th -29th , May 2010. For details please visit www.euraps.org or contact euraps@umcatrecht.net.
- 15th International Society of Burn injuries (ISBI) at Istanbul, Turkey, 21-25th Jun 2010. For details please visit www.isbi2010.org or contact at lizals@tgtd.net.
- 10th Biennial Conference International Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery (ISRM) meeting, Hyderabad, 16th -18th Jul, 2010. Organized by Dr. Mukund Reddy at mukundreddy@hotmail.com. For details please call Joshi – 09348198904
- Modern concepts in Breast Aesthetics and Reconstruction UK, 10th-11th July 2010. For details please contact Dr. Omar Osmani at plasticsurgery@uhcw.nhs.uk
- 20th Biennial Congress of ISAPS - San Francisco – 14th -18th Aug 2010. for details please visit www.isaps.org.
For details please visit www.society.wound.com or contact Dr Pramod Kumar at woundcarecon2010@gmail.com
- 45th Annual Conference of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India, Holiday Inns Resorts, Goa. 25th- 28th Sept 2010. For details Please contact Dr. Nitin Mokhal at nitinmokhal@vsnl.net or Dr. Shailesh Ranade at drshailesh@rediffmail.com.

- 8th International advance course in Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery in Barcelona, Spain 8th-9th Oct 2010. Details at www.institutedebinto.com or contact at sandygonsart@hotmail.com.
- 10th Specialist Rhinoplasty course , Cochin 20th-22nd Nov.2010. For details please contact Dr.Abhishek Gosh at abhishek789@yahoo.com.

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Obituaries

We lost the following esteemed members to the cruel Hands of destiny. Dr. Surendra Bau, Dr. Mira Sen and Dr. R. S.Thind. May their soul rest in peace and may He give family, the courage to bear the loss.