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Inauguration Ceremony of APSICON-2003 (From Left-Right): Dr. K. Ramachandran (Organising Secretary), Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja (Secretary-APSI), Dr. K. Sridhar (President-APSI), Selvi J. Jayalalithaa (Chief Guest), Dr. Malti Gupta (Vice President-APSI), Dr. Bimal Modi (Treasurer- APSI), Dr. S. Rajasabapathy (Organising Secretary).

APSICON-2003

APSICON 2003 started off with a pre conference workshop on 8th and 9th September, organized at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore with live telecast at Hotel Residency. About 350 delegates participated in the workshop, which had a wide variety of cases of Congenital Anomalies. Two operation theatres ran concurrently and the quality of audiovisual transmission was really good. On the 8th evening a formal inauguration was done by Prof. R Venkataswami in which Mr. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar was the Chief Guest.

On the 9th afternoon the delegates and their families were transported to Ooty by minibus to Sterling Resorts. It was a picturesque ride and people enjoyed every minute of the breathtaking scenes. The 10th of September started with the inauguration of the Dr. Charles Pinto CME by Prof. C. R. Sundararajan. The Conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Selvi J Jayalalithaa. The presidential address by DrKSridhar was precise and elaborated on areas where the Government could join hands with Plastic surgeons. The response from the chief minister was spontaneous and favourable.

The lectures from the overseas and Indian faculty were of high quality. The 11th, 12th and 13th saw Plenary sessions, Orations, 'How I do It', a symposium on 'wound healing', a panel discussion on 'Breast Surgery' and lots of free papers. A unique session on 'Personal Perspectives' saw 4 senior professors of plastic surgery speak out their heart. This was a very poignant session and was very well received. On 14th morning, following breakfast, the delegates were brought back to Coimbatore. All in all, it was a conference with plenty of scientific deliberations mixed with a lot of fun. . . .

Dear friends,

I thought it is my duty to keep you informed on the progress made with regards to implementation of the suggestions given by us to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

The Hon Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa has announced:

1. Sanction of funds for treatment of Burns Victims from Chief Minister's Relief Fund (until now only Heart and Renal diseases were given).

2. ESI authorized doctor can refer for advanced treatment to private sector, if necessary, even for reconstructive procedures.

3. Allocation of funds for Congenital defects survey and plans for survey already completed.

4. A committee, including members from APSICON 2003, under Health secretary will coordinate the survey. (We have made the Teaching module and Proforma)

5. Village Health Nurse Sensitization Programme commenced during first week of November.

6. During second week of November 2003 the Survey of all Visible Congo Defects will commence throughout Rural Tamil Nadu.

7. The Data will be available for us to analyze by January 2004.

Dr. K. Sridhar

President APSI

Chairman, APSICON-2003

Minutes of General Body Meeting held at 6 pm

On 12th Sept. 2003, at Sterling Resorts, Ooty,

During APSICON 2003

1. Opening remarks by the President.

President Dr. K. Sridhar welcomed all the members to the meeting and thanked them for attending APSICON 2003.

2. Reading the notice of the meeting.

The notice of the meeting was considered read, as circulated in the July 2003 Newsletter of the Association.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Body meeting held at Bangalore.

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 29th November 2002 at Bangalore and

circulated vide Newsletter January 2003 and July 2003 was confirmed to be in order and the following Resolution was adopted,

"Resolved that the minutes of GBM held at Bangalore on 29th November 2002 be taken as read and are hereby approved and adopted." Proposed by Dr. J.K. Sinha and seconded by Dr. B,M. Daver.

4. Secretary's report and matters arising out of Executive meeting held on 9th September 2003.

I welcome you to this general body meeting. I would like to inform you of the decisions taken during the Executive Committee meeting held on 9th Sept. 2003 and take your approval for same.

It has been decided that the Sushruta orator for 2004 will be Dr. Panfilov. Gilles' orator for 2004 will be Past President Dr. B. Sadashiva Murthy. M.M. Mukherjee orator for next year will be Dr.N.J. Pandya.

It has also been decided that Godrej Visiting Professor for 2004 will be Dr. Edgar Biemer from Munich. Also for next year Ethicon Professor in Plastic surgery will be Dr. Ashok Gupta, Ethicon Professor in Cosmetic Surgery will be Dr. S.K. Bhatnagar, Ethicon Professor for Microsurgery will be Dr. Nirmala Subramanyam. Gen. N.C. Sanyal Professor for next year will be Dr. Raja Sabapathy.

The following reports were approved.

Ethicon Professorship

Dr. V. Bhattacharya

Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery Professorship

Dr. Mune Gowda

Ethicon Microsurgery Professorship

Dr. V. Srinivasan

Ethicon Training Fellowship

Dr. Avinash Deodhar

Ethicon Training Fellowship (2002)

Dr. G. Vishwanath

Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery

Dr. Lt. Col R Ravi Shankar

Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship

Dr. R Ravindra Bharathi

Brig. Kathpalia's Fellowship in Hand Surgery

Dr. Suresh M.A.

Myovatec Training Fellowship

Dr. Tibar Banerjee

APSI Sponsorship to attend APSICON 2002

Dr. Rajesh Watts &

Dr. Madhurima Sharma

A letter was received from Dr. P.V. Sudhakar that he so far has not been able to go on RG. Saraiya International Training Fellowship because of SARS threat in Taipei. He would complete it by the end of the year. This was accepted. Venture fund report for 2001-2002 was not received from Dr. G. Balakrishnan and hence the funds were not disbursed.

It has been decided to award the following fellowships for next year.

Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship

Dr. Chanjiv Singh

Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery

Dr. Vijay Kumar

Ethicon Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery

Dr. Arun Bhatnagar

R.G. Saraiya International Training Fellowship

Dr. Satish HV.

Brig. Kathpalia Fellowship in Hand Surgery

Lt. Col. P.S. Bhandari

Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery

Dr. Col. M.K. Mukherjee

Vasudhan Arjin Laser Fellowship

Dr. Imran Ahmed

APSI sponsorship to attend APSICON 2003

Dr. Bharat Rattan, Dr. Ashish Rai, Dr. Sumit Malhotra

Dr. R.N. Sinha award for best paper in IJPS for 2002 was not awarded.

Venture fund next year has been awarded to Dr. S. Mishra from Annamalai University for his project on 'Surgical AV Fistula for Treatment of Lymphoedema of the Limb'. Prof. C.R. Sunderarajan Educational Fund for next year has been given jointly to Dr. Mukund Reddy and Dr. A.K. Singh to conduct CME Programmes and Workshops. Dr. Nitin Mokal's application for grant of funds to hold a workshop and CME program in Mumbai from the Maharashtra Chapter Fund has been sanctioned. Dr. Bilwani's application for grant of funds to hold an Aesthetic workshop in February 2004 from 'Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund' has been approved.

It was noted that the last increase in Membership Fees was made on 1.1.99. Because of falling interest rates it has been decided that the following fee structure would become applicable wef 1.1.2005.

Associate Member Annual	: 500/-
Full Member Annual	: 750/-
Life Membership	: 7000/-
Admission Fee	: 500/-
Overseas Member	: US \$ 500/-

Proposed by: Dr. S.K. Bhatnagar

Seconded by: Dr. S.N. Sharma

Treasurer informed that even after meeting his liabilities he had a surplus of Rs one and a half lakh. It was decided that this money would be placed in a corpus to pay International dues. The corpus would be called 'International Dues Fund'. We need to pass a Resolution to this effect.

"Resolved that Rs 150000/- would be placed in a corpus called 'International Dues Fund'.

Proposed by: Dr. K.S. Shekar Seconded by: Dr. K. Ramakrishna Nair

As Gujarat State Chapter and the West Bengal State Chapter have not submitted their accounts for last year these Chapters have been annulled. However, West Bengal Plastic Surgeons will continue to nominate M.M. Mukherjee Orator. Bihar Chapter has submitted an apology letter for not submitting the accounts because of oversight and they have been allowed to do so in next 7 days. This is only a one time exception and all Chapters are requested to submit their accounts by 30th June of every year, positively. So the existing

Chapters of APSI are Maharashtra, UP, Bihar and Delhi. Similarly all APSICON and activity accounts must be submitted by 30th June 2003.

Report of the video library was received and approved.

Prof. C. Balakrishnan Visiting Professorship which was approved last year could not be started because the funds have still not been received by the APSI Trust. I am informed that the money will be received by next month. The incoming President wishes to have a C. Balakrishnan Visiting Professorship next year. Dr. Vinod Kumar from UK or Dr. Hari Kapila from Australia will be approached and the award amount would be the actual interest accrued in the remaining financial year. I am informed that funds to augment Prof. C.R. Sunderarajan Educational Fund, which were approved last year, will be sent soon.

Topics for Symposia for year 2004 APSICON suggested by the Executive are Reconstruction of the External Genitalia, Lasers in Plastic Surgery and Surgery of Brachial Plexus. After discussion it was unanimously decided that the symposium topic would be 'Lasers in Plastic Surgery' and the Convenor would be Dr. Ashok Gupta.

I am informed that the registration of the amendments to the constitution sent two and a half year back will take some more time..

As per the resolution passed at Bangalore meeting Rs 1 lakh has been sent by the Treasurer to ASI from the interest accrued in the MAPSI fund. Since Dr. Tambwekar has also donated Rs 1 lakh to the Association the amount may be used for some educational purpose. The interest accruing from this money will be utilized to start 'KEM Training Fellowship in Microsurgery'. The fellowship will be governed by APSI fellowship rules. So we need to pass a resolution to place this amount in a corpus.

'Resolved that Rs 1 lakh donated by Dr. Tambwekar will be placed in a corpus to start KEM Training Fellowship in Microsurgery. 90% of annual interest accruing out of the corpus will be used to pay the fellowship and the rest will be added back to the corpus.'

Proposed by: Prof. C.R. Sunderarajan Seconded by: Prof. Ramesh Chandra

Trustees have forwarded the names of Dr. K. S Shekar and Dr. N.J. Pandya as Trustees against the existing vacancy from last year and the one arising out of inability of Dr. Ganguly to continue in office. Both the new trustees will assume office from 1st January 2004.

A letter was received from Dr. P. Jain, Secretary UP Chapter and also from Dr. Collin Roy

that the issue of Presidentship and holding of the Annual Conference should be delinked. .Another letter was received from Dr. Collin Roy that the elections should be held by ballot. As both these issues have been previously deliberated by the Constitutional Committee the matter was not discussed any further.

The following is the list of awards given during the conference.

Kilner Award for 2003	Dr. Vijay Kumar
Peet Prize	Dr. Subodh Kumar
APSI Best (Paper Award)	Dr. Neeraj Kant Agrawal
Mc Neil Prize for best audio-visual presentation	Dr. Neeraj Kant Agrawal
Kammath Prize for best poster presentation	Dr. P. Kishore

The following applications were approved for membership.

Fresh Applications for Full / Life Membership

1. Dr. Warty Samir Manohar	Full life
2. Dr. Vasudevan Srikanth	Full
3. Dr. Sunkara Praveen	Full life
4. Dr. MK Rajendran	Full
5. Dr. Rewanwar Darshan Ramkrishan	Full life
6. Dr. Keshav Das Joshi	Full
7. Dr. Manjushree R. Naik	Full
8. Dr. Anwarabath Dhanikachalam	Full life
9. Dr. Aruchamy,M.	Full life
10. Dr. Meenakshi Aggarwal	Full life
11. Dr. Jerry Joshua	Full Life
12. Dr. Vikas Dhawan	Full Life
13. Dr. Padmakumar Kurup Janardhana	Full Life
14. Dr. Jacob Vinay	Full Life
15. Dr. Kumar Sudhir	Full Life
16. Dr. Narayanan Puthowde Viswanath	Full Life
17. Dr. Ambika Arasu	Full
18. Dr. Rajeev Kumar Rajak	Full Life
19. Dr. Sanjay K. Gupta	Full Life

20. Dr. S. Sengathir Selvan	Full Life
21. Dr. Dinesh Kadam	Full
22. Dr. Ketan L. Patel	Full Life
23. Dr. Madhu Maheshwari	Full Life

Fresh Applications for Associate Membership

1. Dr. Vishal Mago	Associate Life
2. Dr. Basu Surajit Lt.Col.	Associate
3. Dr. Langer V. Major(Dr.)	Associate
4. Dr. Malik Ani! Lt.Col	Associate
5. Dr. Sharma Alok Lt. Col.	Associate

Applications for Conversion of Associate Membership to Full Life

1. Dr. Manjiri Dasgupta
2. Dr. Sharad Khandelwal
3. Dr. Ashim Kumar Roy
4. Dr. B.P. Singh
5. Dr. Kanti Shetty

Applications for Conversion of Full Membership to Full Life

1. Dr. Vinita Puri
2. Dr. Syed Faizal Ahmed

Applications for Overseas Membership

1. Dr. Moris Topaz

President elect Dr. Malti Gupta has requested permission to open bank account for APSICON 2004 at Jaipur

"Resolved that "APSICON 2004 account will be opened at Jaipur and it would be operated by Dr. Malti Gupta and Dr. G.S. Kalra and Dr. Upadhaya".

Proposed by: Dr. S.N. Sharma

Seconded by: Dr. Ramesh Chandra

Since the Secretary and Treasurer have 600-800 kg of office papers it has been decided that when Secretary and Treasurer change office they will be reimbursed the costs of transfer on actuals. .

Proposed by: Dr. K.S. Shekar

Seconded by: Dr. J.K. Sinha

Last year we augmented the corpus of various awards and orations from the savings with the Treasurer. Since Ethicon awards have not been augmented for more than a decade I approached the decision makers at Ethicon and they have verbally agreed to augment the award amount. I shall write to them and obtain their approval in writing.

Since next year the General body meeting will be held only after the last date for submission of the accounts to the income tax authorities we need to pass a resolution that the approval of the general body will be taken by circulation of accounts by mail.

"Resolved that the year 2003-2004 accounts of APSI will be circulated to members by mail for approval prior to submission to income tax authority. "

Proposed by: Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh

Seconded by: Dr. S.N. Sharma

This is my last General Body Meeting as the Secretary of APSI. It has been a great pleasure to work for the Association these past six years as the Secretary and three years before that as the Executive member. I thank all of YOU for your help and support.

Secretary's report was unanimously approved. After Secretary read his report, President Dr. K. Sridhar presented him with a bouquet and appreciated the exemplary work put in by him and the rapport he enjoyed during his tenure. General Body opined that the efforts of Secretary be placed on record as a Resolution. So the following Resolution was adopted unanimously.

"Resolved that the efforts put in by the Secretary Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja, in the last six years in office, are exemplary and laudable".

Dr BM Daver and Dr Mukund Thatte made a presentation to the executive regarding the forthcoming IPRAS meeting and briefed them on all aspects of organisation. It has been decided to form an organising committee, which will be inclusive of representation from around the country as we are all hosting this meeting on behalf of IPRAS. Dr Mukund Thatte made a presentation to the General Body regarding the meeting and its highlights and urged delegates to take advantage of early bird discounts. The drafts should be payable in Mumbai and made out to 'Asian Pacific section of IPRAS' and mailed to him before 31st December. Since Dr Mukund Thatte's address might change the drafts should be mailed to the Treasurer Dr Bimal Mody at 7/15 Sea Green, Worli Sea Face, Mumbai

400 018 along with full details of the delegate. PG applicants need testimonial from HOD. Dr. K.S. Shekar wanted the Organising comm. to state that the savings of the Congress would come straight to APSI. Dr. Mukund Thatte assured that this would get done automatically with the consent of the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee for Asia Pacific Congress has requested a Resolution to open its account at Mumbai. So the following Resolution is proposed.

'Resolved that the Organising Committee of the 9th Asian Pacific Congress of International Confederation for Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (IPRAS) be authorised to open two bank accounts for the forthcoming Congress in March 2005. One account for foreign exchange remittances and one for Indian rupee transactions. The accounts will be in the name of "9th Asian Pacific Congress" and will be operated by any two of the following three persons: Dr. BM Daver, President; Dr. MR Thatte, Secretary; Dr. Bimal Mody, Treasurer.'

Proposed by: Dr. V. Bhattacharya

Seconded by: Dr. S. K. Bhatnagar

5. Editor's report and accounts for the year.

The June 2003 issue is with the members, the next issue is in its planning stage. Suggestions from members are welcome. Starting from July 2003 we are going onto web based manuscript management (<http://journalonweb.com/ijps>). Members and in fact any interested contributor can now submit their article online at our site. With immediate effect we are being indexed with Thomson Gale, USA in the following databases: Health & Wellness Research Center, Health Reference Center Academic, InfoTrac One File and Expanded Academic ASAP. EBSCO Publishing, USA has also agreed to include our journal in their electronic databases. We have also acquired the services of a professional publisher Messrs. Medknow Publications that was one of the strong recommendations of my predecessor Prof. Pramod Kumar. The journal is also available online in full text format hosted by <http://www.bioline.org.br/pl>. I have about Rs 1,00,000 in bank and one issue to publish, I spent about 66,000 on first issue. With your support we hope to make IJPS a journal of value for all. Editor's report was accepted.

Proposed by: Dr. Benoy Verghese

Seconded by: Dr. S.N. Sharma.

6. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year.

Treasurer informed that he had already circulated the audited balance sheet for last financial year. Highlighting some key features of the accounts he pointed out that even after meeting his liabilities he had a surplus of Rs one and a half lakh. It was decided that this money would be placed in a corpus to pay International dues. The corpus would be called 'International Dues Fund'.

He informed that because of prudent and sound fiscal management by the Trustees they have managed to maintain the endowments at their previous levels, allowing us to disburse prizes and scholarships as before despite *ct* reduction in interest rates.

We now have total funds of about Rs.52 lacs. The Myovatec funds were printed in the last year's balance sheet as they were received in the last week of the financial year 2001-02 and this money was handed over to the trust in the current year. He hoped that the members of the APSI make use of these endowments to further their knowledge and use the money in the spirit that it was donated.

He requested all the state chapters of the APSI, and APSICON's to please submit their audited accounts before the 30th June, every year, so that he could amalgamate the complete balance sheet.

He thanked Mr. Yogesh Vyas and Co., the auditors, for all their help and co-operation.

Dr. Bilwani pointed out that Treasurer's report was mailed late for the GB meeting. The treasurer informed that the accounts were received late from various sources and still some account submission was pending from the APSICON 2002 and from Bihar Chapter, because of which there was a delay in preparing the accounts. This problem will not arise next year onwards since account approval will be taken by circulation of audited sheets to the members instead of taking approval during GB meeting.

Treasurer's report was accepted and passed unanimously.

7. Trustee's report for the year.

The detailed report has been sent with the treasurer's accounts for the year 2002 - 2003 I shall only briefly mention the relevant points.

The trustees shall be submitting the accounts to income tax department and the charity commissioner. The trustees shall get the completed accounts from the treasurer by 1st September which shall include the APSICON of the year, APSI chapters' accounts and

accounts from the treasurer, journal, video library, IX congress funds etc. The treasurer must in turn get the completed account of all by 1st July at the latest, so as to compile them in time. This is absolutely mandatory for all concerned. The trustees shall circulate the consolidated accounts to all members by post by 1st October. The members in turn shall submit their objections, within a week of its receipt; other wise it shall be deemed to be accepted and shall be submitted by the due date Le. 31st October.

You are all aware of the steep fall in the interest rates. Our overall income on our investments, which used to be over 12%, has dropped to about 8.6% and is likely to fall further. To add to it, by statute we are supposed to spend now 90% of the income earned instead of 75% from this year, so the sum to be ploughed back to the capital is meager. Our establishment expenses are to go up as well. Considering all this, members are requested to get the funds towards the corpus of the association so that the activities can be maintained and be further advanced.

We hope to maintain the disbursement at the present level for at least next 2 years.

The trustees were happy to meet all the demands for expenses by the treasurer. Over and above this the corpus of the editorial fund, Gilles memorial oration, Kilner award, Peet prize, Sushruta oration and the buffer fund have been enhanced.. Life membership fund has been enhanced by Rs 210,000. Funds for new awards have been received from Myovatec systems and from APSICON 2001 funds towards promotion of scientific activities in Gujarat. A sum o(Rs 30,000 has been set aside to start a trainee's fund corpus. It has been agreed upon to have a corpus for "*International membership dues fund*" as and when the funds are available.

We have been able to add to our investment a sum of Rs 500,000. During the year we had the redemption of ICICI bonds of the face value of Rs 70,000.

I must impress upon members that we have to follow the '*laws*' regulating the charity commissioner, Income tax and tax exemption in, *words and spirit*. All the penalties levied are pretty stringent. Every addition and/or deletion to our byelaws, creation of new corpus or disinvesting the old corpus head, needs to have a suitable resolution passed by the general body. It as to be submitted with the return to the above authorities.

The demand for outstanding TDS dues of the 9th congress fund has been rejected by the tribunal. The board needs to look into the present level of utilization of income in view of

the amendments in the last year's finance bill.

The trustees would like to put on record, with great sense of gratitude the services rendered to the trust by Dr K S Goleria, ex-chairman of the trust and a trustee from its inception, and thank him and look forward to his constructive advise. Dr Amit Ganguly will be completing his term and has requested to be relieved. The trustees put on record with a sense of gratitude, the contributions and guidance given during the tenure and thank him for the same.

The trustees unanimously recommend the names of Dr K S Shekhar and Dr Narendra Pandya, both our past Presidents, to be nominated as trustees.

We would like to thank our auditors Shri D P Kanodia and MIS Agarwal and Co, and put on record our gratitude for his help and guidance over the years and look forward to his further association.

We are grateful to our President Dr K Sridhar for understanding the problems of the trust and guiding and steering it so successfully. Our grateful thanks to Dr Rajeev Ahuja, Hon. Secretary and to Dr Bimal Mody, Hon. Treasurer for their help and cooperation and to the members for their whole hearted support.

8. New Memberships.

As in Secretary's report at item 4.

9. Elections to the following posts.

President	One
Vice President	One
Secretary	One
Executive Members	Two

Dr. Malti Gupta was unanimously elected as President for the year 2004. The following nominations were received for the other posts.

Vice President:

Dr. Raleev B. Ahuja

Proposed: Prof. CP. Sawhney Seconded: Prof. C.R. Sunderarajan

Secretary :

Dr. Arun K. Singh

Proposed: Prof. C.R. Sunderarajan Seconded: Dr. J.K. Sinha

Executive Members:

1. Dr. K. Ramachandran

Proposed by Dr. Mathangi Ramakrishnan Seconded by Dr. Ajay K. Singh

2. Dr. T. Ayyapan

Proposed by Dr. P.K. Bilwani Seconded by Dr. K. Ramakrishna Nair

3. Dr. Gurumurthy

Proposed by Dr. D.V. Reddy Seconded by Dr. K. Anand

4. Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi

Proposed by Dr. S. Rajasabapathy Seconded by Dr. AK Gupta

5. Dr. T.C. Chandran

Proposed by Dr. SK Bhatnagar Seconded by Prof. C.R Sunderarajan

6. Dr. Samir Kumta

Proposed by Dr. K. Ramakrishna Nair Seconded by Dr. V. Bhattacharya

Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja was unanimously elected as the Vice President for 2004 and Dr. Arun K. Singh was unanimously elected as Secretary for 2004-2006 (3 years). There were no withdrawals for the Executive posts and a ballot was held.

Dr. B.M. Daver, Dr. JK Sinha & Dr. S.N. Sharma were appointed as tellers. After a secret ballot the following were declared elected. Dr. K. Ramachandran and Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi as Executive members for 2004-2006.

10. Self introduction of new members.

No new member introduced himself to the house.

11. Results of awards.

As in Secretary's report at item 4.

12. Any other matter with permission of chair.

Members from Punjab objected to Dr. B.P. Singh (Jullunder) becoming a Full member from Associate member. They were of the opinion that he had indulged in-unethical practice. Secretary informed that he was made a full member as he fulfilled the criteria and if there was any evidence of him indulging in unethical practice the same may be provided to the office within 15 days of the GB meeting. If the evidence is substantial his membership would be put on hold.

13. Introduction of new President.

Dr. K. Sridhar symbolically passed on the President's medal to Dr. Malti Gupta and requested her to detail her plans.

14. Plans for year 2004 and APSICON 2004.

Dr. Malti Gupta informed the members that she would be holding the conference in the third week of November 2004, just after the Pushkar rush is over. Jaipur would have been hot in the months of September and October. She requested members to register early. Members requested her to lower the Registration fee as it was a steep hike over the current year. She promised to keep it in mind.

15. Adjournment.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. K. Sridhar	Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja
President	Secretary

Prof C R Sundararajan CME Programme in Plastic Surgery

The CME Programme of APSI was organized by Department of Plastic Surgery, Army Hospital (R&R), Delhi-Cantt. in collaboration with APSI Delhi Chapter. Col. A.S. Bath was the Organising Secretary. The programme included CME lectures on 18th and 19th October at Army Hospital (R&R) followed by a Workshop on Cranio-facial Surgery on 20th October at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. The invited faculty included Dr. William Magee (U.S.A.), Dr. Andrew Wexler (U.S.A.), Dr. Nirmala Subramanian, Dr. K Sridhar, Dr. S Rajasabapathy, Dr. Mukund Thatte, Dr. Ashok Gupta, Dr. R K Sharma, Dr. Gautam Biswas, Dr. Manoj Khanna, Dr. Arun K. Singh, Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya and Dr. Mary Babu. The local faculty from Delhi included Dr. Suresh Gupta, Prof. C.P. Sawhney, Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja, Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi, Dr. P.S. Bhandari, Dr. S.S. Saha and Dr. Manoj Johar. Faculty from Armed Forces included Col. B.B. Dogra, Col. A.S. Bath, Col. MK Mukherjee, Lt. Col. V. Bhatnagar, Lt. Col. T.S. Bhatti, Lt. Col. R. Ravi Shankar and Lt. Col. R.P. Vasant. The CME Programme was attended by 120 delegates and it focused on all important aspects of plastic surgery from basics to recent advances. The interactive workshop was conducted by Dr William Magee and it included live demonstration of surgical correction of a case of hypertelorism. The CME Programme was given accreditation for 20 hours by Delhi Medical Council and it was co sponsored by Medical

Council of India.

Kilner Essay Award

1. On any topic
2. Open to all full or associate members of the Association of less than 10 years standing after post-graduation.
3. Four copies of the essay to be sent to the Secretary, APSI (Dr. AK. Singh) before 30th May, 2004.
4. It should not be more than 5000 words, excluding references, charts, tables and photographs etc.
5. It should include author's original work in sequence, introduction, material and methods, review of literature, observations, discussion, summary and conclusions. Photographic representation of quality is essential to substantiate the original work.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. **"HAMCON-03"**, 29th -30th November, 2003 at University and Medical College, Gorakhpur, President-Prof. F.M. Tripathi, Head, Division of Hand, Microsurgery & Lymphology, Department of Plastic Surgery, IMS, BHU, Varanasi-221005 (UP), Tel. No 0542-2309525, Fax: 0542-2369695.
2. **3rd Middle East International Plastic Surgery & Laser Congress**, 18th -21st January, 2004 at Dubai International Exhibition Centre, Dubai United Arab Emirates, Contact: Dr. Ali Al-Numairy, President, Plastic Surgery Society-Emirates Medical Association, C/o Nicki Cooney IIR, PO Box No.21743, Dubai, E.mail: [ncoonev\(a\)iirdubai.com](mailto:ncoonev(a)iirdubai.com), Website: www.emiratesma.org, Te1.No.0097142699717
3. **First National Course on Brachial Plexus Surgery & Inauguration of Brachial Plexus Surgery Group of India** January 30th to 1 ST February, 2004, sponsored by Apollo's National Institute for Hand, Micro and Plastic Surgery, Apollo First Med Hospitals, Chennai-600010
4. **12th Annual Conference NABICON.2004**, 6-8th February, 2004 at CSM Medical University (upgraded K.G.M.C.), Lucknow (UP), Conference Secretariat: NABICON-2004, Department of Plastic Surgery, CSM Medical University (Upgraded K.G.'s Medical College), Lucknow-226003(UP), Io...dia, TeI.No.0522-2257446, Fax: 0522-2255092, E.mail [:nabiconlko@rediffmail.com](mailto:nabiconlko@rediffmail.com), skbhatnagarlko@hotmail.com,

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6. **12th Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries 2004**, August 22-26, 2004 at Pacifico Yokohama, Japan, Address: Secretariat of The 12th Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries, C/o Congress Corporation, Kosai Kaikan Building, 5-1 Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo-102-8481, Japan, Fax: +81-3-5216-5552, Website: www.worldburn.org

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4. **Dr. Narendra Pandya** received the Medical Field Award from Sahyog Foundation. Heartiest Congratulations.
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