

## **IOS executive committee & fellowship subcommittee meeting 24<sup>TH</sup> Jan 2010 11.00 – 15.30**

Keshav Pratishtan, 46-48 Loughborough Road, Leicester LE4 5LD

Present: Murti Gollapudi, Venu Kavarthapu, Anand Arya, Gautam Chakrabarty, Amit Sinha, Raj Murali, Sanjay Sonanis, Srinivas Samsani, Amit Tolat, Bijay Singh.

Apologies: Bisal Muddu, Suresh Rao, Ravi Kumar, Babu Peravali,

### **Minutes:**

#### **Election of New Office Bearers - The Process (Murti)**

Murti explained the process of electing the new office bearers and executive committee members. The current President, Secretary and Treasurer are coming to the end of their 3 years tenure, new office bearers will need to be elected to take charge at the Kent IOS UK Annual Meeting. As election of all the office bearers at the same time may cause difficulties with smooth flow of transition, all members felt that the office bearers will need to be elected in a staged manner. The new President will be elected this year and the members requested that the current Secretary and Treasurer to continue for one more year, when they will be replaced. It was also proposed to reduce the tenure of the President to 2 years. The subsequent Presidential election will be arranged a year before the start of tenure, so that we will have a President Elect in office for one year before taking President post for 2 years to provide smooth transition.

The election process for President will commence in February/March. An independent election officer from a sister speciality will be appointed and the election committee consisting the existing office bearers will oversee the process.

Election of the executive committee members will take place during the Kent meeting. To facilitate smooth transition, some of the existing committee members are expected and indeed encouraged to offer to extend their service for one more year.

The new fellowship committee will be chaired by the IOSUK president, and will consist of Education Secretary, General Secretary, Raj Murali and Bisal Muddu (Founder President). The new committee will start functioning from June 2010.

## **Cricket/Golf Tour to Kolkata in Feb 2011 in association with BOA and West Bengal Orthopaedic Association (Venu/Muddu)**

A proposal has been made BOA IOSUK conference combined with social elements to be arranged in February 2011 in Kolkata and BOA was keen with this plan. The West Bengal Orthopaedic Association may be willing to combine this meeting with their annual conference.

## **IOS UK/BOA/IOA Trauma Symposium (Murthi)**

This has been mooted for a long time and at last, things are beginning to take a concrete shape. Following recent discussions Murthi had at the IOACON, there has been a positive response from IOA, purely on an unofficial basis for the present, but hopefully to be ratified at their next executive committee meeting in May 2010. A two day workshop/symposium on trauma is likely to be held pre or post IOACON and IOS UK would play a pivotal part in organising the symposium in association with BOA and IOA.. We will await the invitation from IOA which is hopefully expected in May, after their executive meeting.

## **IBTF matters and update (Murthi)**

Depuy India have expressed their inability to continue with their sponsorship of the senior programme in 2010. They funded the 2009 programme. Fortunately for IOS UK, as one door closed, another door appears to open: Caparo Medical Products have expressed a keen interest to take this on and they have agreed in principle to fund it for 2 years. We are awaiting their written confirmation, following which the advert will go on our website.

The Junior IBTF sponsorship from Biomet has also been in some doubt. We are still waiting for a final confirmation from Biomet regarding the funding for this year. It was agreed that IOSUK will proceed with advertising for the fellowship and if the Biomet funding does not happen, IOSUK will take on the sponsorship of one fellow for this year.

**Update:** Murthi has liaised with Biomet and it has been confirmed that the Biomet have agreed to sponsor the programme for this year, as last year. The adverts will be placed shortly on our website.

## **UK surgeons visits to India - BOA Involvement (Murthi)**

Murthi and Muddu will be meeting with BOA President Mike Bell about restoring the exchange programme of British Senior Orthopaedic surgeons visiting Indian Centres of Excellence to explore how BOA could help.

IOSUK is working with BOTA in finalising short duration fellowships in Indian Centres of excellence. The information on the centres of fellowship and the

possible exposure the trainee can expect will be compiled by Gautam with help from Venu. The fellowship programmes will be advertised by BOTA and selected by IOSUK fellowship committee.

### **IOS UK participation at Bhubaneswar IOACON (Gautam)**

Gautam and Murti briefed about the IOSUK participation at the IOACON meeting. It was expressed that it might be beneficial if IOSUK is given a full session of talks in the forth-coming meetings. It was acknowledged that in the end it was the prerogative of IOA to decide the format of IOS UK participation at the IOACON.

### **IOACON 2010 (Anand)**

Anand Arya updated about the details of Jaipur IOACON meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 9 – 14<sup>th</sup> December

### **Llandudno Meeting Accounts (Amit)**

Amit Sinha presented the accounts of the Llandudno meeting. The meeting saved more than £4308. Detailed accounts will be presented in the Kent Conference.

### **Kent meeting (Srinivas)**

Srinivas Samsani updated on the progress of arrangements of the meeting.

### **Membership drive (Srinivas/Bijoy/Amit)**

It was felt that the IOS UK executive members and office bearers should continue to actively participate in promoting new members and that a target of recruiting 100 new members over the next year is reasonable

### **Overseas Co-ordinators (Venu)**

As a part of expansion of overseas activities of IOS UK in India, IOS UK has constantly been looking for suitable overseas co-ordinators outside south India to complement Deepak Shivanna from Bangalore. Venu has recently liaised with Alok Agarwal from MPOA to take over the overseas activities in that region of India. This has been agreed by the members.

If more and more state chapters continue to work with IOS UK in this fashion, then we can hope to welcome traveling fellows from different state chapters of IOA every year at our Annual Conference, by a rota system and it was agreed by all members that this was a very good idea.

### **Charity work by Dr Shekhar Bhojraj in Mumbai (Venu)**

Dr Bhojraj is setting up a charity organization to provide accessible health to the Mumbai Slum dwellers. This proposal was presented to the members by Venu with the available details. IOSUK, as a society will support this, with its members participating in local camps. Sanjay Sonanis has an established charity group in Mumbai and will liaise with Dr Bhojraj to offer any support.

### **Indian Summer Accounts: (Anand)**

Anand announced that the costs of Indian Summer meeting is in £2000 deficit. It was appreciated by all members that the impact achieved from the Indian Summer meeting was more than worth this negative balance.

### **MCh Wrightington (Raj)**

Raj Murali mentioned about the MCh Orthopaedics course is available for any Indian Trainees in the country. The duration of the course is 2 years. It was felt that offering this course particularly to those candidates sponsored from India would be a boon to their quest for academic achievements.

### **Funds arranged by Muddu. (Murti)**

Murti explained that Muddu accumulated about £2500 funds for training purpose at Tameside Hospital and would make it available for the BOTA IOSUK fellowships. Murti is to write an official letter to the Trust requesting for this money.

Murti mentioned if it would be useful to send the recent Newsletter to all members by post. The cost of printing and post is estimated to cost at £500. It was felt by members that this was expensive. However it was agreed that IOS UK fliers would be printed to utilize for membership drive. A flier is currently being drafted and will be circulated.

The executive committee members have placed on record their sincere thanks to Keshav Pratishtan for allowing us to meet in their premises and where we were made to feel very welcome.

### **Next Annual Meeting - 2011:**

Proposals are invited for the next IOSUK meeting. Prabhakar Motkur from Boston showed interest. Any other potential organizers are also welcome. The venue will be finalized in Kent Meeting