



## Dear member/Colleague

Our ever growing family of Indian Orthopaedic Society UK will be meeting very soon in Liverpool and so may we take this opportunity to convey our greetings to you in advance.

## Annual Meeting Liverpool 2008:

After that fantastic meeting we had in Birmingham last year, ably and efficiently organized by Shiva Geeranavar and his hard working team, we now move on to Liverpool, the European capital of culture, 2008 for what promises to be a mouth watering mix of academe and social events. Jay Sampath and his colleagues are sparing no efforts to make this a truly memorable meeting and the Society hopes to see a large turnout not only from its members but also from the larger UK orthopaedic fraternity of Indian origin.



Delegates with families – Birmingham Conference

## Annual Meeting – 2009:

As yet, we have had no firm offers from our members but there are some feelers from a few members. It would be great if our meeting can go to Wales or Scotland next if only to reflect the geographical spread of our membership. No doubt there would be interest shown by our members at the Liverpool meeting, about the possible venues for the

next annual meeting and we eagerly look forward to that.

## Indo – British Travel Fellowship – 2008:

There have been important changes in the fellowship programme effective from this year. Biomet, who have been sponsoring this programme since its inception 3 years ago, have graciously agreed not only to continue to support this very worthwhile programme, but also to enhance it greatly by creating a junior fellowship programme, in addition to the existing programme.

The fellowship subcommittee worked very hard to select candidates for both the programmes, after inviting applications on line via our website. There has been an excellent response both in quality and quantity and the fellows were selected using transparent and measurable criteria. The following were the successful candidates:

## Junior Fellowship (Under 40):

Duration 2 weeks, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008

## Fellows Selected:

Dr Mahesh Reddy (Bangalore)  
Dr Rajeev Chatterjee (Kolkata)  
Dr Zail Singh Kundu (Rohtak)  
Dr Alok Chandra Agrawal (Jabalpur)

The fellows will attend the Liverpool meeting and present short reports

## Senior Fellowship (Over 40):

Duration 2 weeks. The actual dates are being worked out but the programme will be timed to coincide with the Annual Congress of BOA in September 2008 when the fellows will spend

two days attending the congress and presenting papers, along with the rest of their tour.

#### **Fellows Selected:**

Dr Govardhan (Chennai)  
Dr Ramesh Kumar Sen (Chandigarh)

#### **Proposed Registrar/Trainee Fellowships to India and North America/Europe:**

Such fellowships have already taken place from time to time in the recent years, largely due to the individual efforts by members of IOS UK, such as Bisal Muddu. However, the Society recognizes the need for formalizing these trainee fellowships by involving bodies such as BOTA to gain as wide a publicity as possible and attracting funded support from Industry. IOS UK hopes to put this in place from next year.

#### **Collaboration with the Indian Orthopaedic Association and IOACON 2008 Bangalore:**

We have been developing close links with the IOA ever since the formation of our Society. This was mainly due to efforts of all the members/office bearers of the successive executive committees. The present executive committee including the fellowship subcommittee is continuing the good work in this regard.

The IOA and the organizing committee of this year's Annual Meeting of IOA at Bangalore in December 2008 (IOACON BANGALORE 2008) have invited the IOS UK to lend its expertise in contributing to a day long workshop event at the conference. IOS UK is now closely working with the local organizers and the IOA. The workshop will be a mix of scientific content and career guidance/exam skills content. If any members are interested to contribute in any way, please contact Venu Kavarthapu on [drkvenu@hotmail.com](mailto:drkvenu@hotmail.com). It is hoped that such an event contributed by IOS UK will be a regular feature at the future IOA Conferences.

#### **Trauma Meeting in India, in association with BOA and IOA:**

Our society has recently been in touch with the education subcommittee of BOA regarding the feasibility of organizing a national level trauma symposium in India, in the near future, in an easily accessible city such as

Hyderabad, which has got excellent facilities for a meeting of this scale and nature. BOA has recently collaborated for a highly successful meeting of similar nature in Cairo, Egypt. The chair of Education Committee of BOA, Paul Szypryt also expressed considerable keenness for this idea, having been personally involved in the Cairo meeting.

Dr Goel, president of IOA has been contacted and our Society is waiting for his response. We believe that such a meeting where the trauma expertise of both British and Indian orthopaedic surgeons can be shared on a common platform would be unique and would be of great benefit to the attendees.

#### **Educational Activities of IOS UK Members:**

**Srinath Kamineni**, Professor of Bio-engineering, Brunel University and Consultant Upperlimb Surgeon is currently organizing a number of courses:

Cadaver Training Courses for 2008/2009 in Association with Arthrex Europe, each being a 2-day programme with up to 14 courses a year. Please contact your Local Arthrex Representative for details.

London Instructional Course Lectures in Upper Limb Surgery (Trauma) and London Advances and Controversies Course November 2005. For details, contact [cordeilareeve@gmail.com](mailto:cordeilareeve@gmail.com)  
Or visit <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/acad/sed/conference/LondonUpperLimbCourses>

**Amar Rangan** has taken on the onerous task of organizing the FRCS Trauma & Orth Examination in September 2008 at Middlesbrough

**Vishal Sahni** has run a highly successful Shoulder Masterclass at Southport on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**S. Hindocha and Bisal Muddu** coauthored a book, "Research Terminology for Medics" and this was published recently.

The next King's FRCS Tr & Orth Course being organized by **Venu Kavarthapu** is on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2008. Please contact [drkvenu@hotmail.com](mailto:drkvenu@hotmail.com) for details.

**Venkat Venkateswaran** is organizing the Yorkshire Shoulder Course at Dewsbury on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

**Raj Murali** has been running a highly successful M.Sc Course in Wrightington for some years now.

These are some of the activities we know about. We are sure that many more such events are planned. Please get in touch with IOS UK via the comments form on our website or emailing [iosukmail@googlemail.com](mailto:iosukmail@googlemail.com) so that wider publicity can be given via our website.

#### **Honorary Membership of IOS UK:**

We have made some progress on this so far. The first tranche of letters of invitation went out recently to 10 individuals, chosen according to the criteria (by virtue of their proven track record in imparting teaching, and training at IOS UK sponsored events both in India and UK) laid down at the last executive committee meeting in January 2008. The following were invited:

Professor Chris Colton, Professor John Stothard, Professor Angus Wallace, Professor Peter Giannoudis, Mr Leo Jacobs, Mr Edward Jago, Mr John Getty Mr Richard Villar, Mr David Dandy and Mr Len Funk. We already had positive responses from Mr Getty and Mr Jacobs. Others are awaited.

#### **Indian summer 2009:**

Many of our members we are sure, still remember the wonderful Indian summer event we had in Manchester in 2004, at the time of the BOA Congress. We are hoping to do an encore in 2009, again as it happens, in Manchester during the BOA Congress 2009. In fact we already received blessing from BOA and they have provisionally allocated the Tuesday evening for us. The format of the evening will be broadly similar to the one we had last time, consisting of guest lectures from eminent colleagues from India and UK, probably a “celebrity” after dinner speaker and possibly a short scientific session and some traditional entertainment. Obviously we need to work out the details and please email your suggestions to [s.gollapudi@btinternet.com](mailto:s.gollapudi@btinternet.com) and they will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Achievements of IOS UK Members:**

**Srinath Kamineni**, Consultant Upper limb Surgeon was appointed to the chair of Bio-Engineering in the School of Engineering and Design at Brunel University, in November

2006. In the short span of 18 months since his appointment, his already considerable achievements include a £150K custom designed Surgical Skills Lab running Cadaveric training for orthopaedic surgeons, running several instructional courses in various aspects of Upper Limb surgery and guiding Ph.D and Post Docs in areas such as kinematics, surgical technologies and instrument design, to name a few. As far as we are aware, Srinath is the only chair of bioengineering from an orthopaedic background, in the UK.

**Mak Srinivasan**, a former President of our society, has successfully taken part in this year’s London Marathon and raised a very creditable £1350 for the BOA sponsored “Joint Action” Research Fund.

#### **Membership IOS UK**

The life membership currently stands at 140. As you all know this figure is way below the potential membership of 500. Each one of us we believe can contribute to the growth of the membership by constantly spreading the word around and recruiting as many new members as possible. The application process to become a life member is very simple and straightforward. The downloadable application form available on our website takes literally 3 minutes to fill in. The one off fee of £100 is extremely good value for money and please remember that over the years it has never been increased and the IOS UK has currently no plans to do so.

We are also hoping to hold “road shows” to travel to various regions of the United Kingdom to spread the message of IOS UK and to recruit new members. The details will be worked out in due course and the members would be intimated.

We thank you for your patience in reading through this newsletter. Please send any comments via the comments form on our website. We very much like to hear from you any suggestions and/or constructive criticism.

With our very best wishes

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