



Dear member

I bring you greetings from the Executive Committee of IOS UK. I have put together this newsletter to keep you up to date with the various activities that IOS (UK) has been involved in, since our last newsletter sent out in June 2007.

Birmingham Annual Meeting:

We had a very successful annual meeting in Birmingham on June 30th and July 1st 2007 and once again our hearty congratulations for a great effort by the organizers led by Shivanand and Pushpa Geeranavar. The core team of Subodh Deshmukh, Siten Roy, Raj and Ragini Reddy supported by a number of local orthopaedic surgeons and their spouses put on a fantastic show for about 200 attendees consisting of about 80 delegates and their families. We also had the BOA president John Getty in attendance. There were illustrious speakers both from UK and India gracing the meeting. The academic programme produced some thought provoking work by our trainees and all the papers were of very high standard. Please read a detailed account of the meeting now available on our website.

The following Executive came into being after a unanimous election:

President:

Murti Gollapudi

Secretary:

Venu Kavarthapu

Treasurer:

Anand Arya

Members:

Gautam Chakrabarty
Srinath Kamineni
Kirti Moholkar
Raj Murali
Ravi Kumar Rathukondla
Jay Sampath
Sanjay Sonanis

The following is the current membership of the Fellowship Subcommittee:

Murti Gollapudi (Chairman)
Venu Kavarthapu
Bisal Muddu
Raj Murali
Ravi Kumar
Suresh Rao

Annual Meeting – 2008:

Jay Sampath has kindly agreed to host the next meeting in Liverpool. It will be held as usual in later part of June 2008 and Jay will be announcing the exact dates very soon.

Indo – British Travel Fellowship – 2007:



Dr Rakesh Rajput, Prof Rajeev Naik and Prof Jiten Maheshwari, pictured above with

Mr. Venu Kavarthapu, Secretary IOS UK, and John Getty, President of IOA, were the 2007 fellows. They spent 3 weeks in UK visiting centres in London, Manchester, Wrightington and Oxford. They also attended the BOA Congress in Manchester. IOS (UK) worked very hard to organize their tour and in particular Bisal Muddu, Bala Ilango, Suresh Rao, Raj Murali, Ravi Kumar, Srinath Kamineni and Venu Kavarthapu have put in a lot of time and effort to conduct the programme smoothly and efficiently, running theatre sessions, academic meetings, workshops etc for the benefit of the visiting fellows, not to mention organising local hospitality where needed. The feedback from the fellows was very positive as before. Please visit the website for a detailed report from the fellows.

Travel Fellowships from United Kingdom to India:

The fellowship subcommittee of IOS (UK) has agreed unanimously that Ravi Kumar will lead a group of Biomet sponsored fellows from Stanmore in 2008 and Raj Murali will lead a similar group from Wrightington in 2009.

Collaboration with the Indian Orthopaedic Association:

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. I had the opportunity of meeting Dr Raza, President of IOA at the Manchester BOA Congress and we discussed a number of important issues relating to furthering training and academic opportunities and in particular, further improving the current fellowship programme. Please visit our website for details of the minutes of the meeting with Dr Raza, which was also attended by Bala Ilango and Venu Kavarthapu.

Education and Academic Activities:

Our society is currently exploring the possibility of creating training opportunities for British trainees in India. As you all know from first hand experience, the scope, breadth and the wealth of clinical material in India is in a league of its own and this

coupled with the amazing experience of our colleague Indian Surgeons, opens an excellent opportunity of showcasing the type of training that modern India can give to any aspiring trainee, wherever they come from. To this end, we have started a dialogue with the Training and Curriculum Committee of the BOA. The proposal was well received and the BOA appears keen to be involved. The matter is obviously at an early stage and a lot of work needs to be done. If the proposals fructify, the plan is for short term visit by British trainees to selected centres in India. Close on the heels of such an arrangement, we hope to try for short term exposure in the UK to young Indian orthopaedic surgeons, such as those who just finished training and obtained the M.S Orthopaedics in India. We believe that such a stint would be very useful particularly because currently opportunities are no longer available for young Indian surgeons to obtain experience in UK. Again this is just an idea and a concept at present, to be discussed with the British Establishment.

JBJS Indian Edition:

IOS (UK) has been supporting this venture for sometime. Great progress has been made in this direction, principally through the efforts of Bala Ilango. The JBJS Indian edition is now a reality and I understand that the inaugural issue was sent recently to all the members of Indian Orthopaedic Association.

Honorary Membership of IOS (UK):

It is the good fortune of our Society that it has been supported all through by a number of distinguished orthopedic surgeons both from UK and from India. A number of eminent colleagues from UK have graced our meetings and some have also gone over to India to teach, present work, conduct workshops/courses and generally they have been very supportive of the efforts of our society. Also, we had a number of prominent Indian colleagues coming over to UK either on fellowships or as speakers at our annual meetings, the common thread again being their total commitment to the advancement of the Indo-British camaraderie, through the medium of IOS (UK). Therefore a decision has been taken to invite all these individuals to become honorary members of our society in recognition of their commitment to our cause. By our reckoning, we have about 20 or so individuals such as Chris Colton, David

Dandy, Angus Wallace, Pete Giannudis, George Anderson, Vijay Raghavan, to name a few.

Members' Activities/Achievements:

The 3rd Bangalore Shoulder Course took place in October 2007 and once again a group of Manchester shoulder surgeons led by Bisal Muddu have contributed significantly towards its success.

Srinath Kamineni organised the London Instructional Course Lecture Series (Upper limb) which took place on 26-28 November. The Cadaveric Shoulder and knee courses scheduled for 2008, under the stewardship of Srinath at the Brunel Orthopaedic Research and Learning Laboratory are already full.

Raj Murali has now been running a very successful Masters Course in Wrightington for some time and incidentally helping a lot of doctors of Indian Origin. Any one interested may contact him via raj.murali@wwl.nhs.uk

Venu Kavarthapu has established a very popular FRCS T&O Exit Examination Course in London. He can be contacted on drkvenu@hotmail.com

Kirti Moholkar and Kamal Deep are on the executive board of CAOS and are faculty members. Kirti is also on the faculty of Wright Medical Courchevel Arthroplasty meeting in January 2008. Please contact Kirti on kmoholkar@gmail.com for details.

Venu Kavarthapu and the team led by Professor Edmonds from Kings College Hospital, London have been honoured with the award of Hospital Doctor of the Year 2007,



NEWSFLASH!

ORTHOTEERS, an immensely popular knowledge gateway of orthopaedics, pioneered by Mr. Len Funk of Manchester and thanks to him, has kindly agreed to make available 30 credits (each worth £90) to bright MS Orth students in India, through Karnataka Orthopaedic Association and IOA.

Life Membership:

This now stands at 128. As you very well know, our strength lies in numbers and we have the potential to reach 5 times this figure. The executive committee is constantly making efforts to recruit new members all the time. However as a member, you too have a great deal to offer in this regard. Please be constantly on the lookout and spot anyone, i.e., a friend, a colleague at work or someone who works in your geographical area and rope them in! Strange as it may seem, in spite of the relatively high profile of our organisation (at least that is what I think!), a significant number of our Indian colleagues here in UK have not yet heard of us. Please tell everybody about us and make them aware of our activities. Joining as a life member is simplicity itself. Our website has all the details including a very straightforward application form which needs to be printed off, filled in and sent of to the address given there with a one off fee of a very modest sum!

I thank you for your patience in reading this letter. I would urge you all to keep in touch and the best way to do so is by email, either to iosukmail@googlemail.com or via the comments form in the Contacts page of our website. In particular, I am aware that many of our members are engaged in a number of teaching/training activities at national/international level and it would be nice if the IOS (UK) is made aware of it, so that any such activities and achievements are included in our future newsletters and in the website.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Murti Gollapudi,
President IOS UK

I thank Bisal Muddu for his help in preparing this newsletter.