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Dear Member/Colleague

It is that time of the year again to get in touch with you and update you on the ongoing activities of our Society.

Indo British Travel Fellowship Programme – 2009:

There have been some changes to the programme for 2009 and I am glad to say that the IOS UK has risen to the fresh challenges, through the hard work put in by the fellowship committee.

As you are all aware, since 2007 round, we have increased the total number of visiting fellows to 6, a 100% increase with two programmes of 3 fellows each, a junior programme running in June and the senior tour taking place in September.

We have followed the same web based online selection process that we adopted last year, very successfully. The Online application process through our website has attracted about 34 quality applicants from across India for both the senior and Junior programmes and selections were made from among these using strict and transparent selection criteria I offer my sincere thanks to all the members of our Fellowship committee for their hard work in this connection.

The Junior Travelling Fellows, Dr Puri, Dr Chadha and Dr Dheendayalan are already in UK touring London in the first week. They would attend our Annual Conference over the intervening weekend and move to Leeds and Manchester for the second week of their tour before returning to India.

The three senior Fellows will arrive in UK in the 2nd week of September for a tour of two weeks, with attendance at the BOA Congress/Indian Summer at Manchester as the centre-piece.

As most of you are aware, some events beyond our control such as the credit crunch, increased scrutiny of Medical Device Industry particularly in the US where a majority of our Implant Manufacturers is based and Eucomed guidelines, the funds released for supporting educational activities such as our own Fellowship Programmes have been rapidly drying up. Venu Kavarthapu and I went into long discussions with our Fellowship Sponsors Biomet and Depuy and I am glad to report that BIOMET have graciously agreed to continue to support the June (Junior) fellowship programme in spite of the current constraints, albeit with some changes. BIOMET have advised us that the current rules would not permit them to do anything with the organisation of the programme but instead they have given us a grant of £4000 and asked us to wholly manage the programme.

This is obviously a huge step down from the previous years not only in terms of the money spent on the programme and more importantly, the logistical nightmare of arranging the tour programme including arranging flight tickets, hotel accommodation and many other details that go with it.

Anand Arya, our treasurer has kindly stepped in to take over this considerable burden and I am glad to say that thanks to his diligence and attention to detail, our society should be able to stay within budget in organizing this tour.

As you are aware, from this year, Depuy have kindly agreed to sponsor the Senior Tour in September. Again we were involved in extensive discussions with both DePuy UK and DePuy India and I am glad to inform you that DePuy India has agreed to take over the main burden of financial support and DePuy UK will provide the logistical support.

**11th Annual Conference IOS UK
Llandudno, 20th and 21st June 2009:**

Amit Sinha and his team in Wales have been working extremely hard in putting together what promises to be a memorable meeting both for the scientific content and for the social interaction. All the details are on our website and if you not already registered, please do so without any further delay.

Achievements of our members:

Professor Joe Dias has now become the honorary secretary of the British Orthopaedic Association.

Gautam Chakrabarty is the current honorary secretary of British Association for the Surgery of Knee (BASK)

Shashi K Garg has been selected as an international faculty member of Zenith TAR, an unconstrained total ankle replacement.

Anand Arya has been selected for an American fellowship sponsored by the London Deanery.

It is heartening to note that many members are taking on the onerous role of examining for FRCS (T & O). These include the following members; Mak Srinivasan, Rajiv Deshmukh, Raj Murali, Bisal Muddu and Amar Rangan. Amar has also organized the examination at Middlesbrough last year. It would be nice if more and more of our members take on this prestigious role and I encourage the interested members to apply to the Inter-Collegiate Board.

Please contact Venu Kavarthapu at drkvenu@hotmail.com if you are already an examiner, so that your name can be added to our database.

Indian Summer 2009:

As you are already aware, the IOS UK has responded to the request made by the BOA to mount another "Indian Summer" event, after the great success of the inaugural event in 2004. The Core Organising

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Committee has been working hard over the last three months and I am glad to say that the preparations are going on smoothly.

The event will take place on the 15th September 2009 at Manchester, as part of the BOA Annual Congress. The scientific Programme will start at 2 pm, consisting of 6 guest lectures from India, chosen for their published work in their respective areas and their personal input. We have received over 30 nominations from our members, all excellent candidates and 6 speakers were finally chosen from among these for their published work in their field, their personal input and for the contemporary interest. The following is the list of the speakers and their topics.

Dr Sanjay Desai, Mumbai – Shoulder
Prof. Shantharam Shetty, Mangalore, President of IOA – Osteoporotic Fractures
Dr Mangal Parihar, Mumbai – Limb Reconstruction
Dr Sekhar Bhojraj, Mumbai – Spinal Tuberculosis
Dr Ramesh Kumar Sen, Chandigarh – Stem Cells in Avascular Necrosis of Hip
Prof. Mayil Natarajan, Chennai – Custom Mega Protheses for Bone Tumours

The scientific session will be in two parts, chaired by Professor Joe Dias and Mrs Clare Marx, President of BOA.

An Indian Banquet follows that evening which would be attended by, among others, the Indian High Commissioner and the presidents of the British, American, Australian, Canadian, South African and New Zealand Orthopaedic Associations. During the banquet some Indian themed entertainment of popular songs, Indian classical dance performance and bollywood dance troupe is being arranged. All this will be rounded off with a disco till late!

I urge all members to attend the event and make it a grand success.
