

INDIAN SUMMER 15/09/09 AT THE BOA CONGRESS MANCHESTER

Following on the success of the Inaugural Indian Summer event held in September 2004 organized by Mr Bisal Muddu, the idea to mount a similar event took a concrete shape by early 2009, actively encouraged by the BOA. We then formed a core organizing committee with Messrs Bisal Muddu, Babu Peravali, Venu Kavarthapu, Anand Arya, Amit Sinha and Murti Gollapudi in March 2009. This committee was given active support and help by all in the executive committee of IOS UK and indeed by many IOS UK members based in and around Manchester.

We were fortunate in attracting some top speakers from India who gave us an insight into their areas of specialism, based on their vast personal and peer reviewed experience. Each of 6 speakers were chosen after inviting considered nominations from across our membership and the committee was amazed and pleasantly surprised by the quality and range of work being done in different centres in India. Out of the 30 or so nominations received, the following 6 speakers were finally selected:

Professor Shantharam Shetty on Osteoporotic Fractures

Professor Mayil Natarajan on Custom Mega Prosthesis for Bone Tumours

DR Ramesh Kumar Sen on Stem Cells in Avascular Necrosis of Hip

Dr Shekhar Bhojraj on Spinal Tuberculosis

Dr Sanjay Desai on Recurrent Shoulder Dislocations – Restoration of Hammock

Dr Mangal Parihar on Rings, Past, Present and Future

The afternoon scientific session was divided into two parts and these were chaired by Professor Joe Dias and Ms Clare Marx respectively. In spite of the fact that there were competing sessions on other topics taking place at the same time, our meeting managed to attract up to 150 delegates. IOS UK would have preferred to be given a free run that afternoon without any competing simultaneous sessions and also preferred to have had the meeting in the main auditorium. This has been taken note of by the BOA hierarchy and hopefully in a future event, this would be redressed. Ms Marx has told me that the talks were so impressive that this event deserved a full day of its own!

After the hard grind of the academe, it was time for an evening of entertainment and fine dining and what a night it turned out to be! While it was disappointing that our guest of honour, The High Commissioner of India was unable to attend due to unavoidable reasons, his absence was ably filled by the Consul from Birmingham Mr Balaji who gave a short but inspiring speech. The presidents of

the American Academy, Orthopaedic Associations of America, Canada, Ireland, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand graced the occasion along with their wives and partners. The amazing thing was that without any prompting from any of us, Ms Marx arrived wearing a beautiful sari and even persuaded most of the presidential wives and partners to do the same!

As the diners enjoyed the delectable Indian delicacies washed down by fine wines, an eclectic mix of traditional and modern Indian variety entertainment greatly enhanced the enjoyment of all those assembled. Dr Rohini Sathish, a busy veterinarian in her day job and an accomplished singer, rendered many popular songs from Indian Cinema in her beautiful and well modulated voice. Mrs Rupa Ganesh of the Dance Troupe Upasana has choreographed classical Bharata Natyam dances, elegantly and gracefully performed by her two young charges. There was also a scintillating bollywood dance performance which left the audience wanting more!

There were also short speeches: A welcome address by Mr Murti Gollapudi, Speeches from Mr Balaji, Ms Clare Marx and an extremely amusing after dinner speech from Mr Andrew Raftery, a retired renal transplant surgeon, on the shenanigans of the managers of the present day NHS. Mr Venu Kavarthapu gave a vote of thanks on behalf of IOS UK.

The evening was rounded off with a bollywood disco.

This event was made possible by the close cooperation between IOS UK and the BOA. Our society was fortunate in raising £7000 in sponsorship from DePuy, Boehringer-Ingelheim and JRI and this has gone towards the travel and accommodation costs of the six invited speakers. There were additionally some reasonable costs involved with entertainment. BOA has fully underwritten the cost of the banquet dinner. It is therefore most likely that the event would be "Cost Neutral" to our society. The accounts will as usual be presented at our next Annual conference in Kent, in June 2010.

The event was also made possible by the hard work put in by a number of people and our thanks go to all of those and in particular, to our sponsors.

Murti Gollapudi