

IOS executive committee & fellowship subcommittee meeting 20/01/2008
46-48 Loughborough Road, Leicester LE4 5LD

Present: Murti Gollapudi- Chairman
Venu Kavarthapu, Anand Arya, Muddu Bishalahalli, Suresh Rao, Jay Sampath, Ravikumar, Kirti Maholkar

Apologies: Gautam Chakrabarti, Sanjay Sonanis, Srinath Kamineni, Raj Murali

- 1) **Billy Ilango Resignation:** Billy submitted his resignation from the Fellowship subcommittee last December, citing personal reasons. The committee unanimously agreed to accept his resignation. Murti Gollapudi will be writing to Billy informing him of the same. Venu Kavarthapu would be the coordinator of the programme, liaising with BIOMET, for any day to day issues in running the fellowship programme. Billy Ilango has indicated that he would continue to support the programme as needed.
- 2) **IBTF Fellowship Selection:** Following recent fellowship subcommittee meeting, it was agreed that the number of fellowship candidates would be expanded to six. There will be three senior fellows and three junior fellows selected every year around the time of BOA congress and IOS meeting respectively. Each of these senior and junior fellows would be selected by IOA, IOS (through web based applications) and Biomet. In general, the senior fellows would be visiting different hospitals in a geographical spread of UK, whereas the junior fellows would most likely be assigned to a specific centre or centres depending on the requirement. Satisfactory completion of fellowship and provision of a report from the fellow is a mandatory requirement of these fellowships. The fellow is expected to spend most of the time in UK participating in educational activities and therefore they are not allowed to bring their families during the time of fellowship. It is also expected that the fellows would initially pay for their flights and will get reimbursed of their expenses following satisfactory completion of fellowship provided that all the rules are followed. Mr. Venu Kavarthapu, the IOS secretary would provide the fellows with the rules and regulations of the fellowship. The last date for web based applications for the senior and junior fellowships is on 21/01/08. Scoring of these applications will be done by the end of next week and the candidates will be informed about the results.
- 3) **Visiting British Fellows from Stanmore:** Mr. Ravikumar will be taking three visiting surgeons, mostly from RNOH Stanmore to centres in India and also to participate in next IOA meeting. This trip will last for about two weeks and would include visits to New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Vellore, Coimbatore and finally attending the IOACON meeting at Bangalore in the first week of December 2008. Mr. Tim Briggs had already accepted the invitation and the other surgeons may include Mr. George Dowd, Mr. Patel, or Mr. Nanu.
- 4) **Conference Calls:** It has been agreed that there should be monthly conference calls among the executive committee and other subcommittee members on current and ongoing issues/topics and important policy decisions. It has been agreed that this would be done on the last Sunday of every month in the evening. The timetable and calendar will be provided to all committee members by Venu.
- 5) **Indian summer at BOA meeting in 2009:** Murti Gollapudi has been in touch with David Adams, Chief Executive of the BOA regarding this and the BOA are keen to have this event during the Manchester BOA Congress in 2009, possibly on the Tuesday of the meeting in the evening. This is subject to confirmation by Clare Marx, President of BOA in 2009. All the members heartily supported the idea and the IOS UK will plan for the event, learning from the experience of the previous event in 2004, so successfully organised by Bisal Muddu
- 6) **Establishing educational sub-committee:** It has been decided to establish IOS UK educational subcommittee to oversee the educational aspects of the organisation. There has been huge increase in the educational component of IOS recently. This has been principally in three different areas.

- To arrange orthopaedic courses in UK and India. There has been immense enthusiasm from the orthopaedic colleagues as well as the industry in India in establishing recognised courses. Mr. Srinath Kamineni has been liaising with Indian counterparts on this issue. Brunel University, London could make a significant contribution in establishing and running of these courses along with support from Indian agencies.
- IOS has been approached by IOA in helping with streamlining and modernising the orthopaedic training in India. This is particularly in areas such as quality assurance of training, assessment of trainees and maintaining quality of training. Suresh Rao had already participated in this dialogue recently.
- Developing BOA recognised Indian fellowships for British trainees. These new opportunities are being negotiated with BOA, via their education committee. However this is still in very early stages and lot of work remains to be done.

It has been agreed that the president of IOS UK would nominate the members of the Education sub-committee after liaising with the executive committee members.

- 7) **IOA affairs:** After discussions with Dr. Govardhan (IOA Secretary) by Venu, it has been clarified that the secretary of IOS would be considered as the representative from UK. Currently, Billy Ilango is the UK coordinator for IOA and IOS UK was advised that his term is due to finish next year. Following this, the secretary of IOS would be the official point of contact for IOA as their coordinator in the UK. The secretary of IOS UK remains the contact point for all matters relating to IOS UK with any external agencies including IOA. It was also agreed that the secretary of IOA would be the point of contact for IOS for all matters with IOA.
 - 8) **Liverpool meeting:** Jay Sampath updated us regarding the progression of the arrangements for Liverpool meeting. This is due to be held on the 28th and 29th of June 2008 at Haydock Park Race Course, Liverpool, the European capital of Culture for 2008. The guest speakers would include the IOA president, the BOA president, Professor Frostick, and Mr. Nayagam. The social programme and spouse programme have been discussed. The Mayor of Liverpool would be invited for dinner. Murti Gollapudi and Jay Sampath will coordinate the formal invitations to Mr. Cannon and Dr. Goel, soon.
 - 9) **The venue for 2008 meeting:** This would hopefully be in Wales. Mr. Muddu has agreed to speak to Rohit Kulkarni to finalise this.
 - 10) **Financial Status:** Anand Arya presented the financial status of the society. It has been decided that applying for charity status would not be beneficial at current time. Anand stressed the importance of finalising the accounts of expenses of the annual meetings on time. The current status of life membership has been discussed. Currently, there are 130 life members and we stressed the importance of increasing the members. All executive committee members should actively encourage more members to join. The members could potentially be increased to about 250 in the next two years.
 - 11) **Finally** Murti Gollapudi thanked Sheva International on behalf of IOS UK for use of their premises for the meeting. Both Venu and Anand were thanked for organising the meeting so splendidly.
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