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Dear Member/Colleague

Greetings to you all!

Our Society's activities continue apace, notwithstanding the arctic winter we had, followed by the drama of volcanic ash clouds blowing our way from the north. The summer is now well set if we do not mind the odd shower or two!

12th Annual Conference, 19th and 20th June 2010, Gillingham, Kent:



As you pick up this newsletter when registering for the meeting, you will have noticed the monumental efforts put in by the local organizers led by Srinivas Samsani and ably supported by Bijay Singh. We are also in for a veritable scientific feast during the day, not to mention the gastronomic feast that awaits us all in the evening!

A robust social programme for the spouses on 19th and a great day out for all on 20th at the splendid Leeds Castle is on the cards.

Travel Fellowship Programmes – 2010:

In these hard economic times with belt tightening being the norm, IOS UK has managed to continue with our prestigious annual educational tour programmes, thanks to the continued support from Biomet for our junior tours and to Caparo Medical Products who graciously pledged support for our senior programme for 2010 and 2011.

The selection for both the programmes was web based as before with a robust online application process through our website.

The following were the successful candidates for 2010:

Junior Tour June 2010

Dr Vijay Kumar – Delhi
Dr Ashish Devgun – Rohtak
Dr Anil Agarwal – Delhi

Senior Tour September 2010

Professor Rajesh Malhotra – Delhi
Professor Narinder Kumar Magu – Rohtak
Dr Yatinder Kharbanda - Delhi

IOS UK Participation at IOACON Jaipur, December 2010 – Joint Trauma Symposium presented by IOS UK and BOA on 13th December 2010:



Our society has had plans to conduct a trauma course/symposium in India for long time and this has now come to fruition. A collaborative effort has been forged with BOA and a combined faculty from BOA and IOS UK will be conducting the trauma symposium in Jaipur as a part of the IOACON. This again illustrates the increasingly central role our organisation is playing in cementing the academic ties between UK and India. Anand Arya, our honorary treasurer and the overseas coordinator for Jaipur IOACON and Raj Murali, member, Education Committee, BOA are both closely involved in organizing this programme.

Anand Arya says: "Indian Orthopaedic Association's 55th annual conference is being organised in Jaipur from 9th to 12th December 2010. It would follow with CME programme of several symposia and courses for next 2 days, as is customary. The organising committee headed by Prof Rakesh Bhargava is working very hard to

make it one of the best conferences ever. The interest in the conference can be gauged by the fact that 75% of exhibition space was booked a year in advance. Those planning to go for this meeting, should book accommodation and travel ASAP as it may not be easy to book those nearer the time and may prove quite expensive. www.ioacon2010.org”

Update on Overseas Activities IOS UK - Deepak Shivanna, Overseas Coordinator in India for IOS UK

IOS UK proudly announces that the medical graduates in United Kingdom can choose Bangalore for their short term electives. Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore, one of the premier medical schools of India, has agreed to offer observer posts. Sparsh Hospital, Bangalore, one of the premier corporate hospitals and part of the prestigious Health city of Bangalore has also agreed to offer similar posts in orthopaedics, traumatology and plastic surgery. Liaison will be made with other hospitals in the Health city if the applicant so wishes.

Interested applicants are advised to look in to the IOS (UK) website for further details and application process.

Merit based Free Subscriptions of Orthoteers to Indian Registrars

Merit based free subscriptions were provided for the prize winners (postgraduates) of the annual state level orthopedic conferences of associations of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in 2010. Thanks to Mr. Len Funk for providing the subscription through orthoteers.com. The subscription will be awarded to the prize winners of various state / regional conferences. Please contact india@orthoteers.com for further details.

International Travel Fellowships – 2010 for surgeons from India Under patronage of Mr. Bisal Muddu and under aegis of IOS UK

IOS (UK) has been supporting two international travel fellowships since two years. Karnataka Orthopaedic Association has been sending two travel fellows each year and Bangalore Orthopaedic Society is sending one fellow each year. The programme includes visits to hospitals for a couple of weeks. The programme is partly funded by the respective associations. The selection process is under way and is planned for the month of August / September 2010.

For details of the overseas activities please contact - deepsdoc@gmail.com

Presidential Election 2010:

After due process, Amit Sinha has been declared elected unopposed as the next President of our society. He will assume office on 19th June 2010 following a formal hand-over ceremony at the conference dinner.

In response to Newsletter's request, he talks about himself, his ideals and goals.



I originally come from Ranchi, a hill station in Jharkand state in India. I graduated from Ranchi Medical School and completed my post-graduation from Patna Medical College. My love for village life took me to a remote Primary Health Centre in the northern part of Bihar, where I spend almost 2 years. This experience gave me the confidence to deal with a variety of medical problems and become a real doctor.

I came to the UK in the year 1985 and after completing my Pre-Fellowship rotation in the fishing town of Grimsby became a research registrar in Orthopaedics at Walton hospital in Liverpool. My career took me to Dundee as a Plastics registrar after which I completed my training in the Manchester Higher Surgical Training programme. My final years were spent at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary before joining as a Consultant in the most beautiful part of North Wales at Glan Clwyd Hospital, Rhyl.

I have a son, who is a GP and a daughter, who is in university studying medicine. I am a family person and know where my priorities lie to maintain a fine balance between work and life.

I have accepted the responsibility to serve as the President of our prestigious society for the next 3 years. Within the last few years I have found friends along with I could form a strong alliance to take this society forward. I respect the present committee members, whose tremendous enthusiasm and team work has raised the profile of our society.

My guiding principle is always to give my best. I am enthusiastic, innovative and a team player always keen to look for ideas and solutions. Apart from my clinical services I am involved in education, research, training as well as the management of Orthopaedic services in Wales. I have been leading the Orthopaedic National Specialist Advisory Group for the past year and been their representative at the British Orthopaedic Association.

I would like to modernise our society. I would like a stronger presence of the society in the Indian Orthopaedic Association meetings, which gives due recognition to our members. I will strive hard to maintain the standards of the Indo-British Fellowships. I need your support.

My best wishes to all. I am looking forward to see you all at Kent.

IOS UK – BOTA Travel Fellowships to India:

This is an exciting new development in the ongoing educational activities of our society. If everything falls into place, and we all hope they do, the first batch of our British trainees will set foot on the Indian soil in December 2010.

Our honorary secretary, Venu Kavarthapu, sets out below an outline of this programme.

The Indian Orthopaedic Society UK and BOTA have joined forces to launch combined Travelling Fellowships to British Orthopaedic Trainees in recognised centres of excellence in India. The selected fellows will receive a fellowship grant to cover the costs of travel and local stay. The duration of the fellowship is about 4 weeks.

These fellowships are suitable for post FRCS (Tr&Orth) senior orthopaedic trainees.

Places are available in the following specialities:

Trauma & Reconstruction
Paediatric Orthopaedics
Complex Lower Limb Arthroplasty
Hand Surgery
Shoulder Surgery

The supervising Consultants in India are from recognised centres of excellence and crucially their experience and expertise is built upon the huge turn-over of complex pathologies in their respective fields. The host surgeons will put together a succinct programme relevant for the individual UK fellow. The fellow will get a unique insight into a large volume of complex pathologies and their treatment utilising current principles and technology. The fellow will have ample opportunities to assist in theatre and be in clinics. It would be mandatory to maintain a diary for clinical activities and a logbook for surgical cases.

The inaugural fellowships are planned for the end of the year 2010 to include attendance at the IOA Congress in December. In order to allow time for recognition by the deaneries as OPE, applications are invited and may be considered as soon as possible, but not later than 1st September 2010.

Please direct enquiries and full applications (your CV, a brief letter stating your chosen speciality, including any work you may like to present to your hosts in India, and any particular interests you would like to pursue during your Fellowship in India) to Mr Venu Kavarthapu, Honorary Secretary, IOSUK. E-mail: iosukmail@googlemail.com. Please visit IOSUK website for further information www.indianorthopaedicsociety.org.uk

Royal College of Surgeons of England – Visit to Bangalore May 2010:



Bisal Muddu along with David Jones, former president of BOA organized this hugely successful visit with excellent local support from Mahesh Reddy.

Bisal Muddu gave the following account of its highlights:

This was a 3 day programme with 35 surgeons of all specialties from UK attending a two day scientific meeting with their partners along with 250 surgeons from India and the President and Vice-president of the college and Council members.

Chief Guest was the governor of Karnataka state, Mr. Bharadwaj.

Honorary FRCS was awarded to Mr Rajasekaran, Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore and Mr Devi Shetty Chief cardiac surgeon at Narayana Hrudayalaya Cardiac hospital Bangalore and pioneer of Health city models in India.

FRCS *ad eundem* was awarded to Dr Mahesh reddy, Manipal Hospital Bangalore, Dr Sharan Patil, Chief orthopaedic surgeon and chairman of Sparsh Hospital Bangalore, Professor George Anderson, CMC Hospital, Vellore and Dr Ashok Johari Chief Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon and president of IOA, Mumbai.

College Faculty visited Health city hospitals and a full day sight seeing trip to Mysore was enjoyed by the entire Faculty.

A Farewell

It has been a great honour for me and a privilege, to have been given an opportunity to serve as your President over the last three years. If I have ever been able to carry out any of my duties and tasks it is only because of the fantastic support I received from everyone in the organisation. I wish the incoming President, Amit Sinha, all the best for the exciting times ahead.

Murti Gollapudi
Editor