

## **Minutes of Meeting with Mr. Raza, president of Indian Orthopaedic Association on 26/09/07 at Manchester**

Present: Dr. Raza, Mr. Gollapudi, Mr. Kavarthapu, Mr. Ilango.

**The direction of collaboration between IOA and IOS UK:** It has been agreed that we should explore the areas of formalised links between IOA and IOS. Mr. Raza expressed extreme keenness to strengthen these links further. These are the following areas that could see further improvement in the association between these two organisations.

1. IOA travelling fellows: It has been planned to increase the number of Indian visiting fellows to four, subject to availability of sponsorship, two senior surgeons and two emerging young surgeons (<45 yrs) who would like to expand their orthopaedic knowledge and expertise. Biomet as sponsors will nominate one senior fellow. The second senior fellow would be the organising secretary of IOA; the young surgeons will be selected from applications. One of these 4 fellows is expected to have lived in UK previously, as this would help the stay and travel between the centres easier during their fellowship.
2. More involvement of IOS UK members in IOA national and state chapter conferences: The proposed IOS UK member database with details of interest and expertise of all IOS UK members would be available to the IOA secretary. IOA may invite members from the database to give lectures for any state or national meetings in India depending on their requirements. It has also been suggested that IOS may recommend some well recognised British surgeons to various such meetings.
3. It has been suggested that IOS president would be invited to the IOA meeting every year and this will be reciprocated by the IOS with extension of invitation to IOA president.
4. BOA, IOS and IOA together to arrange trauma symposiums in India from time to time. This will be discussed further to explore ways of arranging this.
5. It has been noticed that the invitation from BOA to the IOA president has not been formalized and BOA has not been reciprocating the same way as IOS does. Mr. Gollapudi to facilitate dialogue between IOA and BOA to formalize this.
6. IOS to liaise with BOA regarding arranging a repeat of the highly successful Indian summer event held in Manchester in 2004, during the next BOA meeting.
7. IOA to assist with IOS in identifying and recognising centres of excellence in India for visiting British surgeons for exchange fellowship.
8. Dr Raza requested the IOS (UK) to consider the following:
  - a. Supporting the INOR fellow of I.O.A with accommodation during the British Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting.
  - b. Providing for accommodation/travel/placement of two fellows of I.O.A. (one senior and one below 45 years): IOA to take care of their International airfare. This is a new proposal to be discussed in Executive Committee of I.O.A at Kolkata. These fellows will travel with fellows of the I.O.S. Mr. Gollapudi and Mr. Ilango agreed to put it before the I.O.S executive and Biomet for approval. The senior fellowships will be with B.O.A meeting and junior with I.O.S (U.K) meeting.

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