

MINUTES OF IOS UK MEETING AT BOA CONGRESS, MANCHESTER, ON 25/09/07 HELD AT MARRIOTT, WORSLEY, MANCHESTER

Chair: Mr. Gollapudi.

Present: Mr. Kavarthapu, Mr. Muddu, Mr. Ilango, Mr. Peravali, Mr. Sonanis, Mr. Sampath, Mr. Murali.

Apologies: Mr. Suresh Rao.

Guidelines for selection of visiting fellows from India: The system was put in place with an online application process which worked very well for the selection of the 2007 visiting fellows. For the selection of visiting fellows from UK to India, the guidelines proposed by Mr Muddu were discussed and accepted as being fair and practical. It was agreed that these should be followed in the future selection process. The following guidelines were discussed and accepted.

- One fellow should be an IOS UK life member who will plan the itinerary in India visiting hospitals, giving lectures, performing live surgery and lecturing in state meetings /IOA meetings. He is also expected to show cultural aspects of Indian life and arrange sight seeing. He will in fact be the leader of the delegation
- The other two must be ideally locally trained British surgeons. The point of this is that IOS (UK) strongly feels that this is the best way of exposure to the developments in India
- The two British consultants thus selected should in turn be able to give back something to India and our IOS (UK)
- Selection of these British surgeons should be by invitation rather than by application.
- It is open to any IOS (UK) life member to forward their name to be a fellow, detailing a programme and possible names of the British surgeons that they wish to have as traveling fellows to India. The selections for the years 2008 and 2009 are already in place and proposals can be made for 2010, before September 2009.
- The Fellowship sub-committee will then select two British and one IOS (UK) life member.
- In case of any dispute/differences of opinion in the selection process, the final vote will be by the president of IOS (UK) if votes are equal.
- If any other IOS UK Life member wants to go with the selected three, by all means they can go on own expenses since Biomet only will pay the airfare for three.
- Biomet have clarified that they have no say in the selection process but they may on occasion, recommend a surgeon.
- The chairman of the fellowship sub-committee will E-Mail all life members to send in their nominees, well in time.

Visiting fellows to India for 2008 & 2009: Mr. Ravi Kumar and Mr. Raj Murali have been requested to arrange visiting fellows to India. It has been agreed that Mr Ravikumar will lead surgeons from Stanmore to visit various centres in India in 2008 and Mr Raj Murali will take a team from Wrightington in 2009.

Honorary membership for IOS UK: It has been agreed among the members that the orthopedic surgeons from outside Indian community, who have contributed significantly to the IOS UK, IOA or to Orthopaedic teaching activities in India would be invited to become honorary members of the IOS (UK). The proposals for inclusion criteria for the honorary membership have been agreed.

Innovative surgeon of the year award: It may not be possible due to time restraints to start this scheme from this year. Further discussions will be done over the next few weeks in particular with Biomet to see how we can progress this.

UK trainees visiting centres of excellence in India: BOA and IOS UK are very keen to develop a scheme of British trainees visiting centres of excellence in India for training. John Getty expressed his keenness in an earlier meeting with Mr. Gollapudi. Mr Suresh Rao short-listed about 10 hospitals thought to be eligible for this programme. IOA will also provide some input in finalizing these centres. It has been planned to propose these centres to the BOA and perhaps this will be taken further to the BOA education committee to finalise this.

IOS UK involvement in running CME workshops in India: Already, these activities have been happening in Bangalore and a few other centres. It has been agreed that this service should be expanded. A circular will be sent to all IOS UK members requesting the area of their interests and expertise. A database of this information on members who are keen to give lectures in India and their expertise will be maintained by the IOS UK. IOA may invite members from the database to give lectures for any state or national meetings in India depending on their requirements.

Fellowship subcommittee, chairperson and members: It has been agreed that the serving president should remain the chairman of the fellowship subcommittee. The members are Mr. Muddu, Mr. Suresh Rao, Mr. Ravi Kumar, Mr. Kavarthapu, Mr. Ilango, and Mr Raj Murali.
