



Dear Colleague

Birmingham meeting 30th June & 1st July

We are fortunate that each year, the meetings are just getting that much better both with the academic content and the social events. We will soon be assembling in Birmingham and once again, if the indicators so far from the organizing team headed by Shiva Geeranavar are anything to go by, we are all in for a fantastic treat. So if you have not already registered, please do so without any further delay and don't miss out on a heady blend of high quality scientific sessions and the legendary Midlands hospitality.

Welcome

We welcome all the new members who joined our society during and since our last meeting in London in May 2006, held under the indefatigable supervision of Mr. Ravi Kumar.

Membership

Our life membership now stands at 112. This is obviously quite good but not good enough in terms of potential members that are out there. It would be great if each member takes it upon himself to recruit at least five new members. The mathematics here are quite simple but the effect on the other hand would be staggering in terms of a 5 fold increase in the membership.

Activities

The Society remains as active as ever, the traveling Indo-British Fellowship activities continue to progress, thanks to the generous support from Biomet, UK. The traveling

fellows from India for 2007 have been selected from a large pool of very worthy applicants. We have put in place an online Web based application process for the first time and there were 44 applicants. Prof Maheshwari, Prof Naik and Dr Rajput have been selected and their tour will coincide with the annual meeting of BOA at Manchester which they would also attend as a part of their tour.

A group of British Traveling Fellows will be selected soon to visit Indian Orthopaedic Centres of Excellence in December 2007, including participation in the Annual IOACON in Kolkata.

Work is also being done to establish an "Innovative Orthopaedic Surgeon of the Year Award" for a young orthopaedic surgeon in India and hopefully this would be in place, in time for the IOACON meeting at Kolkata.

Our society recognizes the huge importance of working closely with the British Orthopaedic Association and we are in regular contact with BOA. Most recently, Suresh Rao, Bishal Muddu and Murti Gollapudi met with Mr. John Getty, BOA president and discussed a number of issues. The feedback from Mr. Getty has been extremely positive and the society hopes to take forward a number of collaborative ventures such as looking at creating training opportunities for British Trainees in India, organizing workshops/symposia in India under the joint auspices of IOS (UK) and BOA, exploring the possibility of Indian Edition of JBJS, to name a few.

It goes without saying that we have an excellent relationship with the Indian Orthopaedic Association and the bonds between the two bodies continue to

strengthen. It is therefore particularly gratifying that we have the IOA President Dr Raza and the BOA President, Mr. Getty, both participating in the Birmingham meeting, which is indeed a first for our annual meetings.

Website

JRI have been supporting our website for the last two years and we offer them our sincere thanks. We are constantly striving to improve the content as well as presentation. Please visit the website as often as you can and send any constructive criticism or compliments (!) via the on line comments form, for us to respond.

Achievements of our members

A number of our members have been attracting well deserved recognition for their meritorious deeds. The following is a list of recent achievements that we are aware of. Please forward any achievements or significant events to the online comments form in the website or Email to s.gollapudi@btinternet.com, so that they can be published on the website.



Mr. Sheo Tibrewal has been recently bestowed with “Padmashri” Award, by Dr Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India.

Mr. Joseph Dias is currently vice president of British Society for Hand Surgery. He will take over as the president of the Society

next year. He is also a BOA Council member.

Mr. Rohit Kulkarni is Treasurer for British Elbow and Shoulder Society and he currently acts as its secretary too. He has been tirelessly working for the society in promoting its various activities.

We look forward to seeing and meeting as many of you as possible in Birmingham and we hope that you will have a most enjoyable time there.

With our very best wishes

Murti Gollapudi

Babu Peravali

(Editors)