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*Lamp Lighting Ceremony: Conference being inaugurated by Mr. Bharat Barot( Chief Guest). Others seen in the photograph from L to R are Dr. Vijay Bhatia ( Organising Secretary ), Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja ( Secretary APSI ) , Dr. PK. Bilwani (President), Dr. M.F. Shaikh ( Jt. Organising Secretary) and Dr. Anil Chadha (Chairman Scientific Committee).*

## **APSICON - 2001**

The 36th Annual Conference of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India was held in Pollution free and Green atmosphere of Shanku's Water Park Resort - Mehsana from 27th September to 30th September, 2001. It was inaugurated by Mr. Bharat Barot, Minister - Higher Education, Technical Education & Information and Broadcasting, Gujarat State. The conference was very well attended with 439 registered delegates from all over the country. There were 4 invited speakers from U.K. They were Mr. Andrews Batchelor, Mr. P.J. Mahaffey, Mr. Me. Manners and Mr. A.H.N. Roberts. The Charles Pinto C.M.E. was inaugurated by Mr. C.!. Joy, Health Commissioner, Gujarat State. The conference was preceded by two days Operative workshops on (1) Horizons of Head and Neck Reconstruction (2) Lasers in Plastic Surgery. The workshops were held in Civil Hospital and Gujarat Cancer Hospital, Ahmedabad. Operations were carried out simultaneously in 4 operation theatres. About 200 delegates participated in the Workshops. This was an unprecedented response. The entertainment programme was very nice on all 3 days and no delegate felt that he/ she was away from home.

**Minutes of General Body Meeting held at 6PM on  
29th September during APSICON 2001, at  
Mehsana**

**1. Opening remarks by President.**

President Dr. P. K. Bilwani welcomed all the members to the meeting and thanked them for attending APSICON 2001

**2. Reading the notice of the meeting.**

The notice of the meeting was considered read, as circulated in the July 2001 Newsletter of the Association.

**3. Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Body Meetings held at Agra.**

The President said that as there was unfinished agenda pending from the last GB meeting he would take this matter later.

**4. Secretary's report and matters arising out of Executive meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2001.**

Dear Friends,

I welcome you to this General Body meeting. Before I start my report, as you know, Dr. Rajesh Padia, a plastic surgeon from Ahmedabad was a victim of the recent tragic earthquake in Gujarat, and the Baroda Association of Plastic Surgeons had started a 'BAPS Padia Fund' to help the only surviving daughter. The amount collected was Rupees two lakhs and twenty five thousand, and as per wishes of the family the same is being given to the daughter Ms Yesha Padia in the form of RBI bond. We appreciate the efforts put in by the Baroda Association in helping the family.

I would now like to inform you of the decisions taken during the Executive Committee Meeting held on 26th September 2001 in Ahmedabad and take your approval for the same. It has been decided that for year 2002 Gillies' Orator will be our Past President Dr. SK Bhatnagar, M. M. Mukherjee orator will be Dr.J.L. Gupta and Sushruta Orator will be Prof. P.S. Chari.

It has also been decided that for next year, Ethicon Professor will be Dr. Mukund Thatte. Ethicon Professor in Micro Vascular Surgery will be Dr. Abraham Thomas and Ethicon Professor of Cosmetic Surgery will be Dr. R. Murugesan. Gen. N.C. Sanyal Visiting Professorship has been awarded to Dr. K. Sridhar.

Godrej visiting Professor for next year will be Dr. Ian Taylor.

The reports of the following have been approved.

Ethicon Professorship

L.P.Sadhotra

Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery Professorship

Rajan Bhiwapurkar.

Ethicon Microsurgery Professorship

Rakesh Khazanchi

Ethicon Training Fellowship

Prabhat Srivastava

Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery

Sasanka Chatterjee

Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship

Sammek Bhattacharya

IXth IPRAS National Training Fellowship

Satish H V

IXth IPRAS International Training Fellowship

Tejinder Bhatti

R.G.Saraiya International Training Fellowship

Pramod Kumar

Brig. Kathpalia's Fellowship in Hand Surgery

Arun Bhatnagar

APSI Sponsorship to attend APSICON'99

Tibar Banerjee & Sanjay Gupta

Venture Fund Report 1999-2000 of Dr. Karoon Agrawal regarding full manuscript of the cleft lip and palate manual for parents was also approved.

It has been decided to grant the following training fellowships next year.

Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery Training Fellowship

Vijay Kumar

Ethicon Training Fellowship

G. Vishwanath

Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery

Sameek Bhattacharya'

'R.G. Saraiya's International training Fellowship

BK Majumdar .

Brig.Kathpalia's Fellowship in Hand Surgery

Prabhat Srivastava

APSI Sponsorship to attend Mehsana Conference

Nitin Sharma & R. K. Mishra

There is paucity of funds from the IXth Congress of IPRAS corpus because of falling interest rate and the crisis in US-54, it has been decided that for next year no training fellowship National or International will be given on this account.

The R. N. Sinha award for best paper in IJPS was withheld this year since the committee felt that most of the contributions in the journal issues under consideration were of the Editor himself. Even though they were of high quality the Editor and the committee felt that it was not proper to give the award to the Editor.

RS.5000/- has been sanctioned to Dr. S. K. Bhatnagar to hold the Cranio-facial workshop at Lucknow in February 2002 where Prof. Yu Ray Chen will be the guest faculty.

APSI venture fund for next year has been given to Dr. G. Balakrishnan to improve and computerize the Goniometer Feedback Device. For this, he has been sanctioned RS. 10000/-. He will present the device next year and if a further amount is deemed appropriate, it will be sanctioned. The copyright of this device will rest with APSI.

The application from the Secretary of Maharashtra State Chapter to hold the 1st National Conference of the Indian Society of Cleft lip, Palate and Cranio-facial anomalies was disapproved. It was felt that this was the National Meeting of an independently registered society and there was no role for APSI to associate formally in this regard.

You will be pleased to know that the Asia Pacific Conference for year 2005 was awarded to India, as I mentioned in my last Newsletter. This conference will be held in Mumbai and Dr. B. M. Daver will be the Chairman of the Congress. However, Dr. S. K. Bhatnagar can present further details in this regard. He, as you know, has been elected on the Executive Committee of the Asia Pacific section of IPRAS.

As you know, last year we had sent our amended constitution for reregistration with the Charity Commissioner and I am informed that there is a two year waiting period with the Charity Commissioner. Probably towards the end of next year we can expect the

registration of the amended constitution.

The constitutional committee was given three items to discuss and give their opinion upon. One, on the resolution moved last year by Dr. Suresh Gupta and Adm. J.C. Sharma that the Executive Trustee should not be a member of the Executive Committee; second to review the electoral process for APSI, if necessary; and third to deliberate on the functioning of the State chapters. Unfortunately, the constitutional committee could not meet because of personal difficulties of a few members and the Executive Committee has taken certain decisions on these issues since putting them before another Committee would have inordinately delayed important decisions.

It was decided to bring the functioning of the State Chapters under the legal frame-work. Accordingly, it would be mandatory for State Chapters of APSI to submit an audited statement of accounts to the Treasurer by 30th May of the year for the financial year ending 31st March. If the State Chapters failed in doing so the recognition of the Chapter would be automatically withdrawn without any notice. This has been done because legally it is mandatory for the Treasurer of APSI to include the accounts of the State Chapter in his Income Tax returns and a lapse on the part of the State Chapter can jeopardize the entire financial status of the parent body. However, if members of APSI from different states wished to form an Association without using the word APSI or its logo, they were free to do so. Such an Association is not required to give any account of their activity to APSI, for example: Baroda Association of Plastic Surgeons.

For reviewing the electoral process and other issues which may come from time to time, there is now a need to appoint a new constitutional committee from General Body. This is because I have been informed that Prof. Sunderarajan's health will no longer permit him to attend the Annual meetings. We will miss his constant blessings and guidance. I, therefore, invite names for the committee and the President and the Secretary will continue to be ex officio members of the committee. The following names were suggested by the General Body.

1. Prof. S.K. Bhatnagar
2. Dr. J.R. Jaju
3. Prof. S.N. Shanma
4. Prof. Malti Gupta

5. Dr. K.S. Sekar

6. Dr. S.R. Tambwekar

7. Prof. C.P. Sawhney

It was decided by General Body that Dr. Tambwekar will be the Chainman of this committee and the quorum of this committee would be the President, secretary and at least 3 members.

It was unanimously resolved' "that this Constitutional Committee constituted during APSICON '01 at Mehsana will now function to deal with statutory 1 legal issues of APSI and also review the electoral process. The committee constituted earlier would stand dissolved." Proposed by: Dr. Arun Goel and seconded by: Brig. L.P. Sadhotra and adopted unanimously by the house.

On the issue of the resolution moved by Dr. Suresh Gupta last year and as a follow up of which you would have received a communication from the President and the Secretary of the Delhi Chapter of APSI, the Executive concluded that the matter should have been put to vote last year itself and not referred to a committee since the members were with in their rights to request a vote on the resolution which had been properly circulated. Since they had respected the wishes of the General Body and agreed to await the report of the constitutional committee it would be improper to refer the matter to yet another committee, now that the original committee had not met. It was decided to allow voting. on this issue in the General Body meeting as the matter was pending from the last General Body Meeting. This would also put to rest the apprehensions on the matter raised in the letter of the Delhi Chapter of APSI. The President would act on this after my report.

It was decided to bring out a directory of the APSI members as soon as possible and it would also contain a copy of the new constitution which had been sent for registration, marked as such. It would also contain the rules governing the IXth IPRAS fund and a list of different fellowships and awards of the Association. It would be distributed free to the members. It was decided that the Secretary would charge RS.250/- to any member making request for a mailing list of APSI and Rs. 1 000/- will be charged to any other professional or commercial organization.

It was decided to have some revenue generated from the web site of APSI. Secretary informed that the number of times the site had been visited was meager. Keeping this in

mind it was felt that some tariff should be fixed so that in future the site could be self sustaining, and could generate its own funds to pay for its domain name registration etc. It was decided that RS.10000/- would be charged annually for advertising on the front page of the web site and Rs. 5000/-, for subsequent pages. Out of this amount generated 35 % of the revenue would be given to the Indian Doctors Network who had developed the site free of cost for us. For re-registration of the domain name, which would come up next year and would be around Rs.5000/-, the Treasurer was authorized to reimburse the Indian Doctors Network on actuals.

Our Past President, Dr. S. R. Tambwekar had promised RS.11lakh to ASI to retain a section of Plastic Surgery.. This sum was not given to ASI because it was not clear whether they would retain a section of Plastic Surgery or not. In a communication received recently from the Secretary of ASI, I was informed that if members of ASI expressed their desire in writing to form the section, then the issue would be discussed in their the General Body meeting at Patna, in December this year. It was felt that many members would like to retain a link with ASI and so the issue should be discussed with them by our incoming President - Dr. Sadashivmurthy who is also on the Governing Council of AS I. Only after this is approved by ASI, we would be required to send them a sum of Rs. 1 lac.

The report of the video library has been received and approved. I am informed that all the video cassettes available in the library have been converted into CDs.

As you know the I PRAS fellowships have been withdrawn. To support the training activities of the Association, Myovatec Surgical Systems had expressed a desire to contribute a sum of Rs. 1.25 lakhs to the Association. This would be placed in a corpus, out of which 80 % of the interest accrued annually could be given to the applicant and the balance would be added back to the corpus. The Executive Committee gratefully acknowledged this contribution and as a gesture, allowed Myovatec Surgical Systems a complimentary advertisement on the front page of the web site for a period for 2 years. We need to adopt a resolution to place this amount in a corpus. The following resolution was moved by Dr. SK Bhatnagar and Dr. J.L. Gupta and unanimously adopted.

Resolved that "Rupees One lakh and twenty five thousand to be donated by Myovatec Surgicals Ltd. would be placed in a corpus to start the 'Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery' which will be awarded annually. Upto 80 % of interest from the corpus

would be awarded as Fellowship amount and the balance will be used to augment the corpus."

It was noticed by the Executive Committee that the Trustees had suggested in their report to move a resolution that the documentation fund of approx. *RS.95000/-* lying unused for last 9 'years be amalgamated with the Maharashtra State premises fund started last year. This was not approved by the Executive Committee who felt that the Association money could not be clubbed to a State chapter account. The Executive Committee recommended that 50 % of this amount be given as a one time financial help to the Editor this year, who had earlier requested for more funds expressing his inability to raise sufficient money through advertisements. The balance amount would be used for bringing out the directory of the members of APSI. Both of these activities would constitute documentation activities of APSI for which the fund was so titled. It is felt that no resolution should be necessary to use these funds in this manner since the documentation fund has been used for documentation purposes only.

The Editor had expressed a desire to have a journal advisory committee to oversee the quality of the journal etc. and he has been authorized to form the committee on his own with the President and Secretary as ex-officio members.

A letter was received from the West Bengal Chapter of APSI on the distribution of the interest for M.M. Mukherjee Oration corpus and it was approved.

A letter was received from Dr. Ashok Gupta that he was going to organize an International conference on Tissue Engineering. It was not clear what was expected of APSI for that conference. If APSI were to sponsor the conference, then the Association would be required to go into all aspects of the Congress and its organization. Since this issue was not clear it was decided that Dr. Gupta was free to host the Conference and, invite the delegates in his individual capacity.

A letter was received from Brig. Sadhotra that the conference registration deadlines should be relaxed for members who are in uniform and it was assured by the incoming President that he would keep this in mind.

We need to adopt a resolution for opening a bank account in the name of APSICON 2002 at Bangalore. The following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted.

Resolved that" Dr. B Sadashivmurthy was authorized to open a bank account in the name

of APSICON -2002 at Bangalore, in Syndicate Bank and the following will be the signatories to the account Dr. B. Sadashimurthy - President, Dr. Niranjana Kumar - Organizing Secretary and Dr. Gurumurthy - Treasurer."

It has been informed by the incoming President that he intends to hold the next Annual meeting in the last week of November 2002. This will be almost a month after 31st October, which is the last date for filing the returns, and therefore, the General Body's approval for the Treasurer's account will not be available before filing the returns. Therefore, your approval is requested now as a resolution.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously, "Resolved that the Treasurer could submit the audited statement of accounts to income tax authorities without General Body approval next year."

Two topics have been suggested by the Executive Committee for the symposia next year. They are: Difficult situations in cleft lip and palate surgery and orthognathic surgery. The General Body approved orthognathic surgery and Dr. Sudhakar Prasad was made the convenor.

The following is the list of awards given during this conference.

1. APSI Junior Best Paper Award - Dr. Sandip Sebastin
2. Mc Neal prize for best Audio Visual Presentation  
Dr. Sandip Sebastin
3. Kammath Prize for best poster - Dr. Atanu Mohanty

Secretary's report was approved. Proposed by Dr. V. Bhattacharya and Seconded by Dr. Goplakrishna. The report was unanimously adopted.

Following applications were approved for membership.

#### **Full / Life Membership**

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| 1. Rajendra Mansukhlal Upadhyay | Full Life |
| 2. Lalshanker D. Trivedi        | Full Life |
| 3. V. Devasenan                 | Full Life |
| 4. Joseph Victor                | Full Life |
| 5. Maharukh Seth                | Full      |
| 6. Alexander George             | Full Life |
| 7. Vijaya Kumar Peterson        | Full Life |

8. Mukund Jagannathan	Full Life
9. Milind S. Wagh	Full Life
10. Bibhuti B. Nayak	Full Life
11. Punit K. Agarwal	Full Life
12. Suresh M.A.	Full Life
13. R.S. Subbaiyan	Full Life
14. Prabir K. Jash	Full Life
15. Rupnarayan Bhattacharya	Full Life
16. ShabirIqbal	Full Life
17. Biraj Naithani	Full Life
18. Sunil Choudhary	Full Life
19. Apoorva N. Vora	Full
20. Savita Grover	Full Life
21. Avinash K. Deodhar	Full Life
22. Kunhambu V Nambiar	Full Life
23. Rajeev Kumar	Full Life
24. Anjali Amit Saple	Full Life
25. Ravichandran Purushotaman	Full Life
26. Jayesh P. Sachde	Full Life
27. Annada Prasad Patnaik	Full Life
28. Punam Mahendra Navare	Full Life
29. Jitendra Kumar Mehta	Full Life
30. Samir Saxena	Full Life
31. Bharat Nagindas Shah	Full Life
32. K.M. Kapoor	Full Life

### **Associate Membership**

1. Madhurima Sharma	Associate Life
2. Atanu Mohanty	Associate
3. Rajesh Kumar Watts	Associate

### **Conversion of Associate Membership to Full / Full Life**

1. Yogesh Bhatt	Full Life
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2. Anil Chadha Full Life
3. Vinita Puri Full

**Conversion of Full Membership to Full Life**

1. Abbas A. Mistry
2. Pradip Tiwari
3. Ishwar Lohani
4. S. Ganapathy Krishnan
5. Iia Saha ( from 1999)
6. Thirugnanam N.
7. S.P. Bhagia
8. K. Sridhar
9. Ajit Borkar
10. V.Ravichandran
11. Ananta A. Kulkarni
- '12. Allauddin M. Shaikh
13. A. Charles S. Rajasingh
14. V.D. Singh
15. R.K. Jain

**5. Editor's report and accounts for the year**

Editor mentioned that the account's statement had already been sent to the Treasurer. He thanked everyone for their continued support that was of great help in publishing three issues on time. He informed that he had sent these volumes for Indexing in Medline/Index Medicus. The decision taken by the editorial committee of Medline about this would be communicated by the end of December. During two years, IJPS had successfully started an exchange program with Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Journal of Hand Surgery, Annals of Plastic Surgery and Chinese Journal of Practical Aesthetic and Plastic Surgery. He emphasized that the responsibility had increased many fold and the editorial job could not be taken lightly because now each issue of our journal was being reviewed critically by various editors of the indexed journals. He also clarified that if any paper was not published, the author should try to understand the problems rather than blaming or unnecessarily criticizing editor's work. He informed that three more issues were to be

published by him and he felt that we were still far behind the goals that he had wished to achieve. Major problems were lack of good quality articles from our members and money. He stated that he would not be in a position to bring out the next issue of the Journal till funds are made available to him. He also stated that his shortfall was around Rs 45000/-. In last one year he had succeeded in getting more than 10 subscriptions but felt that more than 10 subscriptions were required to generate some more revenue, for the Journal. He requested all the members to try for subscription for their medical college library, if they could not help in raising money by advertisement. His plan was to make our journal available in at least two reputed libraries of each country. He requested members to provide addresses of such libraries. He also welcomed suggestions from the members to improve the quality of the journal. Editor's report was unanimously approved.

Dr. Malti Gupta suggested that the Editor should consider bringing out issues on special topics. The Editor and the secretary informed that this would be difficult because the editor was short of good articles on even general topics.

#### **6. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year**

Treasurer's accounts were already circulated. He also informed that we now have 788 members in the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India. He put on record the excellent work that the Trustees of the APSI were doing in looking after, safeguarding and multiplying our funds. Last year the corpus of the APSI was enhanced by a sum of almost Rs 3 lakhs, thus reducing the shortfall that would have been created by the fall in interest rates. He expressed his gratefulness to the Secretary Dr Rajeev Ahuja for getting Myovatac Surgicals Ltd. to contribute a sum of Rs 1.25 lakhs, thus starting a new Fellowship for our members. Efforts were being made to enhance the corpus of some of our prizes and orations so that the award amounts could be increased. The West Bengal Chapter has thus enhanced the Dr. M. M. Mukherjee Oration endowment. He hoped that our members would continue to be prompt in paying their yearly dues or convert to Life membership so that APSI would not be short of funds. He emphasized that every effort was being made by the office bearers of APSI to make the Association financially strong. The report was approved. Proposed by Dr. S.K. Bhatnagar and seconded by Dr. J.L. Gupta and unanimously adopted.

Dr. S. K. Bhatnagar informed the house that he had submitted the audited statement of

accounts of APSICON 20.0.0. and the account was now closed. He also handed over a cheque of Rs 50.0.0.0.1- to the Treasurer out of the savings and this would be used for paying the international dues of the Association. .

### **7. Trustee's report for the year**

As in the audited statement of accounts 20.0.0. - 20.0.1, printed and circulated by the treasurer. Prof. Goleria presented some highlights and his views. He moved a resolution on behalf of the Trustees to place the funds received for research in a corpus. On this issue Prof. C. P. Sawhney wanted to know if the Trustees could receive the funds directly on behalf of the Association. He opined that this was the job of the Executive. Dr. B. M. Daver replied that this fund was for the Association only but President Dr. P.K. Bilwani said that the money should not have gone to the Trustees directly. Dr. J. L. Gupta remarked that for current working the Treasurer was enough to deal with the utilization of the fund. Dr. Devansh wanted to know how the fund could be utilized by members for research. Dr. Goleria replied that the fund was only for the purpose of doing a genetic study on cleft lip and palate, which had been assigned to Dr. Daver. Dr. PA Thomas showed concern on who would disburse the funds and who would authorize its use. After the discussion, the following resolution was adopted." Resolved that the money donated by Ms Laila Hitchens and Tata Education Trust for Research purposes to APSI would be placed in a corpus and used for International Collaborative Research on Craniofacial Anomalies'.

Dr. Goleria advised the General Body that the documentation fund had been started for documentation work of the APSI office, and therefore, the Trustees had recommended it to be amalgamated with the Maharashtra State Chapter Premises fund. Secretary expressed the opinion of the Executive that the Journal of APSI and bringing out a Directory of members was documentation activity of the Association. Dr. Jaju spoke on behalf of the Trustees that the Assodation will have to work with in the frame-work of the law and a permission of the Charity Commissioner would have to be sought. Dr. Mathangi Ramakrishnan opined that secretary's office was the real documentation office. President ruled that since the General Body had passed the move to utilize the Documentation fund for the Journal and the Directory of members it would be used as such and there would be no more discussion on this.

### **3. Confirmation of the minutes of the last General Body Meetings held at Agra.**

At this stage, President Dr. Bilwani said that voting on the resolution moved by Dr. Suresh Gupta and Adm. Sharma was pending from the last General Body Meeting and he would have the voting on this matter now. Dr. Goleria objected and wanted his dissent to be recorded. He said the resolution should have been re-circulated by the Secretary or a special General Body Meeting should have been called, for the purpose. Secretary informed that the Resolution had been moved once again by the President and the Secretary of the Delhi Chapter and it was well within the time frame. Secretary could not have circulated this resolution of the Delhi Chapter since the Newsletter was already circulated and there were no spare funds with him to indulge in this matter. The President ruled that it would be considered as matter pending from last General Body Meeting for which there was no need to circulate the resolution again and he would allow voting on the matter. General Body was advised to tick 'No Change' or 'Change' on the back of the election ballot paper to express their opinion, if they wanted the status quo to continue or they wanted to have the clause under consideration changed as per the resolution, respectively. This was agreed and following it the minutes of the last General Body were approved unanimously by the General Body: And the following resolution was adopted.

" Resolved that the minutes of the GBM held at Agra on 18th October 2000 and circulated vide November 2000 Newsletter, be taken as read and are hereby approved and adopted":

Proposed by Dr. CP. Sawhney and seconded by Dr. Dr. J.L. Gupta.

### **8. New Memberships.**

As in Secretary's Report at item 4.

### **9. Elections to the following posts.**

- a) President - One
- b) Vice President - One
- c) Executive Members - Two

Dr. B. Sadashivmurthy was unanimously elected as President for year 2002. The other nominations received were:

#### **Vice President**

1. Dr. K. Sridhar, Proposed by : Dr. Mathangi Ramakrishna

Seconded by : Dr. V. Bhattacharya

2. Dr. S.S. Sethi, Proposed by: Dr. Amit Ganguly  
Seconded by : Dr. PA. Thomas
3. Dr. Malti Gupta, Proposed by: Dr. Pasricha  
Seconded By : Dr. G. P. Singh
4. Brig. L.P. Sadhotra, Proposed by: Col. A.S. Bath  
Seconded by : Col. Dogra
5. Dr. Benoy Verghese, Proposed by : Dr. Kamlakar RaG. .  
Seconded by: Dr. Gurumurthy

### **Executive Members**

1. Dr. Atul Shah, Proposed by: Dr. Rajasabapathy  
Seconded by : Dr. Hiren Bhatt
2. Dr. Mukund Reddy, Proposed by: Dr. Ramakrishna Nair  
Seconded by : Dr. Sudhakar Prasad
3. Col. A.S. Bath, Proposed by: Dr. R.K. Khazanchi  
Seconded By : Dr. Lokesh Kumar
4. Dr. Vijay Bhatia, Proposed by: Dr. Anil Chadha  
Seconded by : Dr. Srikant Laghvankar

Following the nominations Brig. L. P Sadhotra and Dr. Benoy Verghese withdrew from the election. Prof. C.P Sawhney and Dr. S. K. Bbatnagar were appointed as teners for the election. After a secret ballot the following were declared elected. Dr. K. Sridhar as Vice President ( 2002 ), Dr. Mukund Reddy and Dr. Atul Shah were elected as Executive members ( 2002-2004 ).

Voting on the Resolution showed that 79 members had voted for 'Change' and 125 members had voted for 'No Change', and therefore, the resolution was dropped.

### **10. Self introduction of New Members.**

No new member introduced himself to the house.

### **11. Results of Awards - Peet Prize, Kammath Prize, Mc Neil Award.**

As in secretary's report at item 4.

### **12. Any other matter with the permission of chair.**

Dr. Shashank Shringarpure suggested that there should be a social security system for the members instituted by the Association. Dr. T. Ayappan suggested that the Presidential

candidates should be allowed to speak a few minutes on their plans. Dr. Surajit Bhattacharya suggested that the Annual conference should be dissociated from the President.

### **13. Introduction of the new President.**

The incoming President Dr. B. Sadashivmurthy was introduced to the house and he invited Dr. Anil Behl to make a presentation about the APSICON 2002.

### **14. Plans for year 2002 & APSICON 2002**

Dr. Anil Behl informed that the conference would be held in Bangalore from 27th November to 1st December 2002. He said he would take all care in preparing the scientific programme and also promised a relaxed atmosphere for the delegates. The resolution to open a bank account for the conference was already done in secretary's report.

### **15. Adjournment.**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. PK. Bilwani

Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja

**President**

**Secretary**

### **Achievement by Members**

1. **Prof. S. K. Bhatnagar** was awarded fellowship of National Academy of Medical Sciences. A rare honour indeed. Heartiest congratulations.
2. **Dr. Chanjiv Singh**, was awarded the Punjab Sarkar Parman Patra for excellence. Heartiest Congratulations.
3. **Dr. Rajiv Agarwal's** presentation at 9th International Cleft Congress at Goteborg was awarded the Owen Cole Scholarship prize. Heartiest Congratulations.

### **Change of Address**

1. **Dr. Mohan Rangaswamy**, J 603, Kaveri Apartments, Plot4,Sector-6,Dwarka-Phase 1, New Delhi -110 045
2. **Dr. A. S. Baliarsing**, Flat -35, building 2, Government Colony, K. K.Marg, Mumbai-400034
3. **Dr. I. N. Tiwari**, B-11, Sector-55, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida-201301 (U.P.)

### **Forthcoming Events**

1. **NABICON 2002**, 10th Annual Conference of National Academy of Burns -India, February 8-10th, Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad. Contact Dr. G. V. Sudhakar, President

NABI. "Sudharma" 1-8-700/11, Padma Colony, NaUakul1ta, Hyderabad - 500 044.  
Phone: 7630407, 7636876. Email ~su.dhakar\_1Lv@rediffmail.com.

**2. International College of Surgeons. North Zone- Annual Conference (NOZCON - 2002)** April 19th - 21st at Shilon Resorts, Chail- Kufri Road, Shimla. Contact: Dr. Rajeev B. Ahuja, Organising Director, NOZCON - 2002, Department of Burns & Plastic Surgery, Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi-11 0002, E-mail: [rbahuja@vsnl.com](mailto:rbahuja@vsnl.com). Phone: 221 6733,323 1871.

**3. XVI Congress of International Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery**, May 26th - 29th 2002. Conference Secretariat Cinnah Caddesi No. 42,06690 Cankaya, Ankara, Turkey. Phone: 90-3124420700, Fax: 90-312-4407799. E mail: [flaptour@flaptour.com.tr](mailto:flaptour@flaptour.com.tr).  
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