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R.B. Ahuja, President

It is a great honour that you have bestowed on me by electing me unanimously to this high office of our Association. While I am conscious of the responsibilities, I am also aware that there will be little tangible achieved at the end of my term, except of course, an Annual Conference will get organized! We should collectively work to change this situation. We need an agenda for our Association; a common minimum program (CMP) which is shared by all members, by their participation, and by their representatives to various offices of the Association. We need a CMP which can guide future Presidents to remain focused, enlist support of members, and have them involved in various activities.

Let's start by having **Perception!** Let us jointly identify areas that need our collective attention. I can start by listing 'revamping of our MCh training program'. Are we producing quality trained professionals who have comprehensive knowledge and experience to deal with majority of common problems with skill, confidence and comfort? Or we are merely churning out 'MCh degree' holders, releasing them at the end of their term, only to obtain education by market forces that they get subjected to? Will these individuals instill confidence in colleagues from supporting specialties to obtain their

referrals? Will their conduct and results not be a disservice to the 'image' of our specialty? Will they mature in to leaders of our specialty? Will they be resourceful enough to train further students? To rectify this situation, should we identify the operations (number and type) that each MCh student must do independently for qualification? Should it be mandatory to maintain a log book? Should we include a 'practical test' in MCh examination? Should the Association write to MCI these recommendations for implementation. Additionally, do we need to start a 'Teacher's Training Program' in our specialty? I am aware of successful 'Teacher's Training Programs' being conducted by PGIMER, Chandigarh and Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi. But, these programs aim at enhancing general teaching abilities. We also need to incorporate in similar programs specific topic oriented teaching. Should such a program be conducted by the Association or an Institution? When in place, will there be sufficient enrollment of 'teachers for training'?

Another point in CMP could be to establish a legal cell of our Association. In past few years, I have come across several instances where our members have been involved in litigations. They have deliberated their issues on 'discussion groups' and sought personal opinions from colleagues. A legal cell could provide expert and unbiased opinion on such matters if it is approached by members. Eventually, we can look forward to National and State Consumer Commissions seeking an expert opinion of the Association on such litigious issues. The legal cell could also be responsible for framing 'Consent forms' for various cosmetic and reconstructive procedures,

which can then be made available to members on the Association’s website. There can be many other issues and we should be deliberating on them to evolve a CMP for the Association, and review it yearly. Future Presidents can add new ideas and provide a ‘face lift’ to it from time to time. I invite your suggestions for value addition to Association activities.

Dr. K. Sridhar, Past President, had remarked, ‘Let’s teach our colleagues and the public’. I modify, ‘Let’s teach ourselves, our colleagues and the public’. So let’s **Persevere** and toil to acquire knowledge and share it. Let’s strive for **Perfection** through **Perseverance**. Only by having **‘Perception, Perseverance and Perfection’** can we **‘Educate, Innovate and Propagate’**, and **‘March Forward to Excellence’**.

I also extend a very warm welcome to all members to the 40th Annual Conference being organized at India Habitat Centre, Delhi, from 6-10th November 2005. The venue is the latest ‘starry’ convention centre in the heart of Delhi. To add spice, we have included a symposium on ‘Complications in Plastic Surgery’. This will be moderated by your President Elect, Prof. D. Mukunda Reddy. If you have cases of complications which have been managed well then I request you to send the scientific material to Dr. Reddy for its inclusion. The symposium will have five or six sections, each being presented by an expert. The material and title credits will be yours. Sectional presenters will only help in time management. There is a ‘gift’ awaiting each presentation included in this symposium.

We eagerly wait for your participation.

Stirringly yours,

Rajeev B. Ahuja, President

Know Your Executive

Dr. Surjit Bhattacharya

Dr. S. Bhattacharya did his MBBS, MS, and MCh (Plastic Surgery) from King George’s Medical College, Lucknow. Subsequently he did a Fellowship in



Microsurgery in Microsurgery Research Centre in Melbourne Australia and a Fellowship in Hand Surgery in St. Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne, Australia. He then underwent training in Cranio-Facial Surgery and did a Fellowship in the Australian Cranio-Facial Unit in Adelaide. He has 38 publications in National and International Journals and has authored 2 chapters in a text book on Flaps. He has presented 112 papers in various National and International Conferences and has been in the faculty of many symposia and workshops of Plastic Surgery and allied specialties. Presently he is the Editor of the U.P Chapter of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India and brings out an E-Newsletter of Plastic Surgery, which is the only Newsletter of its type being brought out from India, seen in 93 countries and being carried by the National Plastic Surgery Web sites of 27 countries and International Organizations like Globeplast and IPRAS. A member of A.S.I. since 1984, Dr. Bhattacharyawas awarded the S.R. Joglekar Gold Medal for the best paper published in Indian Journal of Surgery in 1989, PEET PRIZE and APSI Best Paper Award for the best scientific paper of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India in 1989 and the Ethicon Travel Fellowship in 1990. He was also awarded the Overseas Travel Fellowship to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota by American Society of Surgeons of Indian Origin and Sir Lindsay Fox Fellowship in Microsurgery by Bernard O’Brien Institute of Microsurgery. His Current interests include vascular birthmarks, facial fractures, hand injuries, cleft craft and fascia-cutaneous flaps.

Dr. R.K. Sharma

Born: August 02, 1957, Rewari, Haryana
M.B.B.S.: Medical College Rohtak, Dec. 1979
M.S.: (General Surgery) PGIMER, Chandigarh, Jan 1983
M.Ch (Plastic Surgery): PGIMER, Chandigarh, Jan 1985
D.N.B (Plastic Surgery): National Board Examination, May 1986



Joined as faculty at PGIMER, Chandigarh in Jan 1987 and took over as head of Department of Plastic surgery in 2003.

Published 55 papers ,out of which 35 are international

Kilner Essay Award

1. On any topic
2. Open to all full or associate members of the Association of less than 10 years standing after post-graduation.
3. Four copies of the essay to be sent to the Secretary, APSI before 31st July, 2005.
4. It should not be more than 5000 words, excluding references, charts, tables and photographs etc.
5. It should include author's original work in sequence, introduction, material and methods, review of literature, observations, discussion, summary and conclusions. Photographic representation of quality is essential to substantiate the original work.

Peet Prize

Eligibility: All full / life members of APSI

Submission of papers: The paper should be of high standard and should have originality. It should be relevant to the Indian context. If experience of a long series of cases is being presented, it is preferable to include a statistical analysis also. New ideas and innovation /new achievements and feats can be presented. Modification of techniques, highlighting cost-effectiveness and superiority of results, development of newer instruments etc.

The papers to be presented in "Peet Prize Session" should be marked on the envelope. Each participant should send 4 copies of the full text of the paper along with photographs and illustrations etc. to Secretary, APSI. The last date for sending the paper is 31st July, 2005. The author also needs to submit an undertaking that the same work has not been published earlier.

Acceptance: The final acceptance of the paper will be communicated to the

participants by the Secretary, APSI. The screening committee for such acceptance will consist of: Dr. Mukund Reddy, Dr. Anil Behl and Dr. P.S. Bhandari for the years 2003-2005. Secretary APSI will also inform the Organising Secretary of APSICON for that year about the acceptance of such papers. Authors who still wish to present their papers in APSICON for the year if their papers are not accepted for the Peet Prize Session will have to themselves submit the same to the organising secretary of the conference.

Time of Presentation: Ten minutes will be allowed for presentation, to be followed by 3 minutes discussion. Anybody from the audience is free to ask questions on the presentation.

Judges: Dr. B.M. Daver, Dr. Suresh Gupta and Dr. James Pandian will be Judges for the years 2003-2005. However, if they are not attending APSICON that year other senior persons may be appointed as judges.

The judges will mark the individual participant's performance by allocating marks to them for presentation, content, quality of slides, clinical importance of work, acquisition of technical skills and overall performance. Assessment sheets will be handed over to the Secretary, APSI immediately after the end of the Peet Prize Session.

It stands confirmed that Peet Prize is for oral presentation, and even if there is a single paper approved by the selection committee, it would not qualify for an award till the paper is presented and adjudged to be award winning by the Judges.

APSI Best Paper Award

Eligibility:

Junior Plastic Surgeon undergoing post doctoral training, or not more than one year after training. The paper should not have any co-author.

Submission:

1. While submitting the abstract of the paper please indicate on top that the

paper be considered for this particular session.

2. The abstract should be accompanied by a certificate from the Head of the Deptt. where the participant is undergoing training.
3. The abstract should be submitted to the Organising Secretary of the conference where it is supposed to be presented, by the due date announced.

Presentation:

1. The title slide should not indicate the name of the institution.
2. The work should reflect that it has been carried out by the junior plastic surgeon.
3. Ten minutes will be allowed for presentation, to be followed by 3 minutes discussion.
4. Anybody from the audience is free to ask questions on the presentation.
5. Judges: Dr. Benoy Verghese, Maj. Gen. L.P. Sadhotra and Dr. Ramesh Sharma for years 2003-2005.

Fellowships/Training/Funds etc.

Applications are invited for the following Training Fellowships and activities for the year 2006.(Details at www.apsiindia.com)

- * Ethicon Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery–One
- * Ethicon Training Fellowship in Cosmetic Surgery–One
- * Ethicon Training Fellowship in Microsurgery–One
- * R.G. Saraiya International Training Fellowship–One
- * Myovatec Training Fellowship in Plastic Surgery–One
- * Brig. Kathalia's Fellowship in Hand Surgery–One
- * Vasudhan Arjin Fellowship in Laser Surgery – One (3 days training)
- * APSI sponsorship for PG trainee to attend APSICON 2006 – Two
- * Promotion of Scientific Activity (Plastic Surgery) at Mumbai fund – One
- * Maharashtra Chapter Fund-For CME program / workshop in Mumbai

(Proposal to have prior approval of Executive Committee of Maharashtra Chapter) - One

- * Promotion of Scientific Activity in Gujarat Fund - One
- * Plastic Surgery Venture Fund – One
- * IX IPRAS Awards (subject to availability
 - a) For CME/Workshop - One
 - b) International Travelling Fellowship - One
 - c) National Travelling Fellowship - One
- * Chennai Fellowship in Tamil Nadu - to be given to any junior plastic surgeon (within 5 years of M.Ch./DNB) or plastic surgery trainee from anywhere in the country - to visit one centre for training in Tamil Nadu.
- * Chennai Fellowship outside Tamil Nadu - to be given to a junior plastic surgeon (within 5 years of M.Ch./DNB) or plastic surgery trainee from Tamil Nadu to visit a centre outside Tamil Nadu for training.

Applications along with short CVs in triplicate should reach the Secretary, APSI by 30th September, 2005. The Training fellowships are for a period of 4-6 weeks training. Applicants should submit their applications with the approval of the Consultants under whom they wish to train. Application received after the due date will not be entertained. Successful applicants are required to maintain a daily diary during the period and obtain a certificate of attendance from the Consultant. Application from PG trainees to attend APSICON should include acceptance letter for their presentation, a short CV and a forwarding letter from HOD.

MESSAGE FROM KOREAN SOCIETY

President of Plastic Surgeons of India
To all the plastic surgeons in India.
We were very sad to hear of the impact of the Tsunami on the India and please let us express our sincere sympathy for your losses.
It is always sad to hear any disaster happening anywhere in the world, but it was devastating for us to hear that India was hit by the Tsunami, because we have a special affection to India. We send our

deepest condolences to everyone who lost their family and friends in the recent tragedy and those who were affected by it. We are so sorry for your people who are going through a hard time which they have never experienced in their life time and beautiful islands.

May God bless you all and strength to overcome this tragedy and pray for a quick recovery for your country.

We will do our best to support you and your country's efforts to rebuild the island.

Special regards to our friends.

Sang Tae Ahn, M. D., Ph D.

General Secretary of Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

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- Paediatric plastic surgery course – 10-13 November, 2005, Melbourne, Australia. For details please contact marketing@icms.co.au
- International workshop on plastic surgery, 16 & 17 September, 2006, Taoueyan, Taiwan. Pre conference workshop on reconstructive microsurgery and post conference workshop on cleft lip, palate and maxillofacial surgery. For details please contact micro@adm.cjmh.org.tw

INFORMATIONS

- * Globalplast winter edition is now available according in information given by Dr. Mumtaz Habid, Editor. Kindly visit www.ipras.org/newsletter.htm.
- * J. of hand surgery (British volume) now available for Rs.4800/- per annum for ISSH and APSI members. Kindly contact Dr. R. Sabapathy, Secretary ISSH.
- * DNB course in plastic surgery has been started at Lok Nayak Hospital.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- World cancer congress, 1-4 June, 2005, Athens, Greece. Details at uicc.org
- 9th Annual Congress of lymphology society of India, 13-14 August, 2005, Kakinada, A.P. For details please contact: k_vishnumurthy@yahoo.com
- Cleft 2005 – International cleft lip, palate and craniofacial conference, 4-6 September, 2005, Durban, South Africa. Details at www.cleft2005.co.za
- ISAPS postgraduate instructional course, 4-6 September, 2005, Sveti Stefan, Serbia. For details please contact Dr. Miodrag Colic at drcolic@EUnet.yu
- Workshop on non-surgical facial rejuvenation, 8th & 9th October, '05, at Department of Plastic Surgery, KGMU,

APSICON-2005

4th Annual Conference of APSI, 6-10 November, '05, India Habiatat Centre, New Delhi.

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- 6th Asian Pacific cleft conference – September, 2007, Mumbai. For details please contact Dr. Sanjeev Deshpande at drdeshpandesanjeev@hotmail.com

Achievements

Dr. R. Sabapathy - invited to deliver Douglas Lamb lecture at annual conference of BSSH in London in November, 2005.

Dr. S. Deshpande – awarded active membership of Asia-Pacific craniofacial association.

Dr. Savita Chandra – awarded National Indira Priyadarshini award for her services for the society.

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