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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to present before you this issue of the newsletter of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India. I shall be completing third year of my secretary-ship at the end of this

year. Looking back, I feel I have worked sincerely and earnestly for the association. I have ensured that the communication with members is prompt. We have seen a quantum jump in our membership. 234 new members have joined the association during the last 3 years. A number of new initiatives have been taken. Our newsletter has been made electronic as well, making its viewing and archiving easier. A proper web site of the association has been made functional. Since January this year Dr. Mukunda Reddy is hosting the web site and would maintain it out of APSICON-2006 funds. Perhaps for the first time in the history of the association life membership certificates have been prepared and given to its esteemed members.

The membership directory is being renewed, updated and shall be shortly before you.

We are in the process of starting accreditation courses of the association. It will be for the benefit of younger members and all others who wish to refresh their knowledge. It is becoming possible due to the initiative taken by Dr. R.B. Ahuja, our immediate past president. A microsurgery course has been planned in January at Mumbai, faciomaxillary course in July at Chennai and skull base and craniofacial course at Pune along with APSICON-2007. The blue print for the courses has been published in the March, 2006 issue of the newsletter. I would request the members to go through it and give their comments. We would like to deliberate on it during the APSICON-2006.

A legal cell is in the offing. Dr. Atul Shah is looking after it. The amendments to the constitution have been registered, primarily due to

efforts of Dr. S.R. Tambewekar. Our 80G tax exemption has been renewed for another 3 years, due to the persuasion of the matter by Dr. J.R. Jaju with the income tax authorities. I remember having had to send him about 5 kg. of reports, utilization certificates of awards for the previous 3 years to convince the authorities concerned. The financial health of the association is also sound. The corpus of all the major funds/awards of APSI have been augmented. New awards/fellowship have been started.

The APSI is making a bid to host the IPRAS conference in India for the year 2011. Our proposal has been carried through in the preliminary screening. Final selection is to be done during the IPRAS meeting at Berlin in June, 2007. Kindly canvas for it with your international friends and attend the conference in large numbers.

All this has been possible due to the team approach, the collective wisdom of the executive, and the personal involvement of the presidents, with whom I had privilege of working. I thank them all for their benevolence, care and compassion, I also thank all members of this august body, for their cooperation, patience and seek your forgiveness for any lapses on my part. I have enjoyed working for the association and I look forward to serving you in the future as well.

Looking forward to meeting you during APSICON-2006 at Hyderabad.

Dr. Arun K. Singh

Notice for General Body Meeting

The general body meeting of APSI shall be held on 23rd November, 2006, 6:00 pm. at Studio Floor, Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad.

The following shall be the agenda:-

1. Opening remarks by the president
2. Reading the notice of the meeting
3. Condolences to deceased members
4. Confirmation of the minutes of the last general body meeting (already circulated in newsletter)

Vol. 42 of November 2005 and also available on the association website) held on 9th November, 2005, 6:00 pm at Stein Auditorium, Habitat Center, New Delhi

5. Secretary's report
6. Matters arising out of executive meeting held on 21.11.06, at Hotel Sitara, Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad
7. Editors report and accounts for 2005-06
8. Treasurer's report and accounts for 2005-06
9. Trustee's report for the year 2005-06
10. Maintenance of web site of APSI
11. Accreditation program of APSI
12. Hosting IPRAS 2011 in India
13. Legal Cell in APSI
14. Constitution of editorial board
15. New memberships
16. Results of awards, Peet prize, Kamath prize, McNeil award, etc
17. Elections to the following posts:
 - a) President - One (for 2007)
 - b) Vice President - One (for 2007)
 - c) Secretary - One (for 2007-09)
 - d) Executive members - Two (for 2007-09)
18. Any other matter with permission of the chair
19. Remarks by the incoming president, outline of activities and APSICON-2007
20. Thanks to the chair

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Legal Cell in APSI

With the inputs from the members of the cell and the members of APSI, the following points have emerged as the areas which need exploration, consensus and implementation.

1. Legal intricacies of Consent and elaborate consent form.

Treating some one is a contract. Obtaining consent from patient and relatives is thus governed by Indian Contract Act. Prior to the consumer protection act, many disputes were taken to civil court under this act. Patient, by walking in and asking for treatment of his ailment gives implied consent. This situation however changes as soon as some controversy arises between a doctor and relatives or a patient. It is therefore necessary that an informed written consent be obtained from patient and relatives. In case of emergency, at least the situation needs to be explained to the relatives in presence of some witness, and written detailed consent be obtained as soon as possible. In court many times patient or relatives tell that consent was obtained on blank form, and without any detailing. It has been strongly suggested that wherever

possible, patient or relative should write the consent in their own handwritings. In case of printed forms, patient or relatives must be asked to write in their hand writings that they have been satisfactorily explained about the treatment and the out come and that all the blanks in the said form have been filled before they signed the consent form. It could also be beneficial to obtain signature of one witness, especially if the clinician foresees some legal tangle later on.

2. Standard format for imparting pre procedure information.

During explaining, one may miss out on a point, or may need to present a particular out come in different language so that the patient does not get unnecessarily alarmed. If a document containing all necessary information on the outcome of a particular procedure is stored in computer, or printed, it can be referred, as well as passed on to the patient and the relatives. Legal cell wishes to standardize such pre-procedure information document, some of which will be made available during APSICON for awareness and creating consensus.

3. Usage of word Plastic Surgeon and Cosmetic Surgeon, and its restrictions.

Many poorly qualified individuals have been using these phrases and luring ignorant public. When their results are unmatched, the specialty as a whole bears the blame. Unfortunately, the association can not prevent people from using these phrases. One possible avenue is to obtain trade mark or register the phrases with appropriate authorities, thereby the association obtains intellectual property rights over such phrases, and then allows the members to use them. Legal experts in the field of trade marks etc. have raised a caution here that phrases in common use are generally not granted registration, and the association will have to impress upon the authorities in very elaborate manner, as to how and why the misuse of such names is detrimental to population. A remedy is available through code of conduct wide section 7.20, stating that "A Physician shall not claim to be specialist unless he has a special qualification in that branch." Association or local groups have to obtain legal restriction by filing suits against miscreants.

4. Advertising

Amended Regulations relating to the Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics for registered medical practitioners are in force since they were published on 6, April, 2002 in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India. Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act, 1954 is also attracted in case of advertisements with high claims.

Members must be aware that strict codes of conduct are enforced for Chartered accountants, Architects and Lawyers. They are decently restraining from advertising their services. Relevant sections from regulations of 2002 are reproduced here.

“6.1 Advertising:

6.1.1 Soliciting of patients directly or indirectly, by a physician, by a group of physicians or by institutions or organisations is unethical. A physician shall not make use of him / her (or his / her name) as subject of any form or manner of advertising or publicity through any mode either alone or in conjunction with others which is of such a character as to invite attention to him or to his professional position, skill, qualification, achievements, attainments, specialities, appointments, associations, affiliations or honours and/or of such character as would ordinarily result in his self aggrandisement. A physician shall not give to any person, whether for compensation or otherwise, any approval, recommendation, endorsement, certificate, report or statement with respect of any drug, medicine, nostrum remedy, surgical, or therapeutic article, apparatus or appliance or any commercial product or article with respect of any property, quality or use thereof or any test, demonstration or trial thereof, for use in connection with his name, signature, or photograph in any form or manner of advertising through any mode nor shall he boast of cases, operations, cures or remedies or permit the publication of report thereof through any mode. A medical practitioner is however permitted to make a formal announcement in press regarding the following:

- (1) On starting practice.
- (2) On change of type of practice.
- (3) On changing address.
- (4) On temporary absence from duty.
- (5) On resumption of another practice.
- (6) On succeeding to another practice.
- (7) Public declaration of charges.

6.1.2 Printing of self photograph, or any such material of publicity in the letter head or on sign board of the consulting room or any such clinical establishment shall be regarded as acts of self advertisement and unethical conduct on the part of the physician. However, printing of sketches, diagrams, picture of human system shall not be treated as unethical.”

Those who extensively advertise are sitting on a volcano, and a complaint to a council can lead to severe inconveniences for them. The regulations further also state that-

“7.11 A physician should not contribute to the lay press articles and give interviews regarding diseases

and treatments which may have the effect of advertising himself or soliciting practices; but is open to write to the lay press under his own name on matters of public health, hygienic living or to deliver public lectures, give talks on the radio/TV/internet chat for the same purpose and send announcement of the same to lay press.

7.12 An institution run by a physician for a particular purpose such as a maternity home, nursing home, private hospital, rehabilitation centre or any type of training institution etc. may be advertised in the lay press, but such advertisements should not contain anything more than the name of the institution, type of patients admitted, type of training and other facilities offered and the fees.

7.13 It is improper for a physician to use an unusually large sign board and write on it anything other than his name, qualifications obtained from a University or a statutory body, titles and name of his speciality, registration number including the name of the State Medical Council under which registered. The same should be the contents of his prescription papers. It is improper to affix a sign-board on a chemist's shop or in places where he does not reside or work.

8.2 It is made clear that any complaint with regard to professional misconduct can be brought before the appropriate Medical Council for Disciplinary action. Upon receipt of any complaint of professional misconduct, the appropriate Medical Council would hold an enquiry and give opportunity to the registered medical practitioner to be heard in person or by pleader. If the medical practitioner is found to be guilty of committing professional misconduct, the appropriate Medical Council may award such punishment as deemed necessary or may direct the removal altogether or for a specified period, from the register of the name of the delinquent registered practitioner. Deletion from the Register shall be widely publicized in local press as well as in the publications of different Medical Associations/ Societies/Bodies.

8.3 In case the punishment of removal from the register is for a limited period, the appropriate Council may also direct that the name so removed shall be restored in the register after the expiry of the period for which the name was ordered to be removed.

8.4 Decision on complaint against delinquent physician shall be taken within a time limit of 6 months.

8.5 During the pendency of the complaint the appropriate Council may restrain the physician from performing the procedure or practice which is under scrutiny.

8.6 Professional incompetence shall be judged by peer group as per guidelines prescribed by Medical Council of India.”

Association may announce its views on advertising, and in case of non compliance, may discontinue the membership or stop calling such person to chair, present work, giving executive post and like. Association can also become complainant and present the misconduct to respective Medical Councils. It may be remembered that those who advertise their skills, obtain upper edge in eyes of public at the cost of rest of the equally competent law abiding colleagues.

5. Consumer Forum litigations.

Patients, relatives and lawyers have found less costly and less procedure intensive way of harassing treating physicians. There could be few genuine instances of negligence or deficiency of services, but by and large many cases in consumer forums are due to lack of communications and explanations to patient and relatives at all stages of management. Maintain proper and detailed records, obtain elaborate informed consent, keep patient informed of the progress, and manage charges properly are some of the ways of keeping out of litigations.

6. Negligence and IPC 304 A

Many times doctors are booked under IPC 304 and taken to custody when relatives have complained to police about negligence. Section 304 clearly deals with culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Supreme Court has issued specific directives defining medical negligence and using section 304 A that deals with causing death by negligence. Local police must be made aware of this directive.

7. Formation of Support groups at various levels.

To stand united, to face mob fury or local print media in case of mishap in hospital or nursing home, to voice out for legal rights, our members need to establish support groups. All members must be provided with contact numbers of the support group volunteers. On a distress call some of us must reach the venue of mishap and render necessary help.

8. Legal awareness amongst members.

Association and local branches can organize mini conferences or law shops for updating members of their legal duties, rights, new acts and recent judgments.

9. Mediclaim

We are aware that many reconstructive procedures are classified as plastic surgery by the insurance companies and are denied claim. Also there is general trend among insurance companies to avoid elders taking mediclaim. Birth defects have been

excluded in many instances, creating hardship to the patients. Association needs to provide a list of procedures that essentially are of the reconstructive nature. At the same time members also must observe ethical restraint in raising claims.

10. Indemnity Insurance.

The premium rates for the medical indemnity insurance are highest for plastic surgeons. In some western countries premium is decided on number of surgeries carried out in a year. We pay premium of the sum insured for a single mishap, and for the entire year. Even after having obtained indemnity insurance, we have to face hardship as the lawyer provided by insurance company has different agenda on mind, and we have to appoint our own lawyer. Some state Medical Associations and National association are running professional protection schemes, and their membership has definite advantages. However one must remember that there is no alternative to proper record keeping and informing progress of management at all stages.

11. Legal Cell Corpus fund.

Legal cell can undertake formulation of prototype of detailed consent form, various pre procedure information documents, articles on current acts that are applicable in day to day practice, and organize e-workshops. These all activities will require funding, and a corpus must be created out of existing association funds, donations and contributions from members.

It is suggested that a slot be allowed in the Hyderabad Conference to deliberate on some of these issues in more detail, as well as to circulate some of the legal literature, probably as part of the proceedings of the conference. Some of the recent judgments involving Dr. Gupta from Delhi and Dr. Sada Shiva Murthy from Bangalore and others are worth discussing in such a slot, and these colleagues must be invited to share their experience in the respective court cases so that a general awareness gets created to keep a vigil at personal level to prevent and avoid common legal mistakes. Opinion/suggestion etc. can be forwarded to Dr. Atul Shah, convener at atulbda@rediffmail.com.

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Addresses Required

The address of the following members of the APSI has been changed. Their post has come back undelivered. Any one having their correct address may kindly forward it to the secretary.

1. Dr. Viresh Arora 2. Dr. P.S. Chari 3. Dr. A.I. Banerjee 4. Dr. Angeline Selvaraj 5. Dr. Haribhau Ramakant Bembde 6. Dr. Udayan Vyas 7. Dr. Narendas Vijay Vikani 8. Dr. Ayyappan Nair 9. Dr. Anil Chandha 10. Dr. Indu H. Kochhar 11. Bhartendu Swain 12. Dr. Muniyandi Kalirajan

APSI Membership Directory

The membership directory of APSI is under preparation. Those members who have not yet sent their photographs, e-mail address and phone numbers are requested to urgently forward it to the Hony. Secretary latest by 30th September, 2006.

New Members

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FL B 080 L2006 **Bharadwaj, Pankaj**, Flat-7, Shivalaya-II, Swamiji Sarani, Hakimpara, Siliguri-734001

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FL G 061 L2006 **Goswami, Krishnendu**, AN-9
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A A 037 A97 L06 **Agarwal, Shishir**, A-3/44 (GF),
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to FL)

PENDING

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Dr. Prasanth Verkey	Dr. Parvathi Ravula
Dr. Pritik Shukla	Dr. Rao RB Ponugoti
Dr. Sinil S. Palaparthy	

APSICON-2006

The 41st Annual Conference of APSI, will be held at Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad, from 20th to 23rd November, 2006. Our President Dr. Mukunda Reddy and Dr. R. Srikanth, Organising Secretary are leaving no stone unturned, to make this conference a memorable one. Members are requested to attend in large numbers. The details are available at association web site www.apsi.in or may contact S. Krishna Rao at infor@apsicon.com (mobile no. +91-93485-74281). The secretariat is at Department of Plastic Surgery, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Pujagutta, Hyderabad-500082

- Conference on female genital reconstruction, September 10th, 2006, New Delhi. For details please contact Dr. Vishwa Prakash at vpagarwal@rediffmail.com
- 4th international workshop on surgical techniques in cleft lip, palate and maxillofacial surgery, 18-20th September, 2006, Taipei, Taiwan. For details please contact nd2430@adm.cgfh.org.tw.
- Hypospadias operative workshop – 22-24th September, 2006 at JIPMER, Pondicherry. For details please contact Dr. Karoon Agarwal at karoonaparna@gmail.com
- 1st International workshop on CO₂ therapy in plastic surgery, dermatology and wound care – 22-24th September, '06, Siena, Italy. E-mail at: pizzula@unisi.it and cesarebranddie@unisi.it, website: unisi.it/event/carbossi
- New Zealand plastic surgeons and Australian and New Zealand H & N Society meeting from September 26th to October 01, 2006. Details at www.plasticsurgery2006.co.nz or www.headandneck2006.co.nz
- 2nd European conference of aesthetic dermatology & surgery and anti ageing medicine - Paris, October 13-15th, 2006. For details contact dranupdhir@hotmail.com
- CR Sunderajan workshop & instructional course on wound management on 14-15th October, '06 at Department of Plastic Surgery, K.G's Medical University, Lucknow-226003. Please contact Dr. Vijay Kumar at kuhavidush@hotmail.com
- Rhinoplasty course, October 20-22nd, 2006, Kochi. For details please contact Dr. Senthil Kumar at drsenthilkumar_1974@yahoo.com
- 4th International symposium on hand, 24-28th October, '06. Details at www.vitalmedbodrum.com and e-mail: h.z.stam@erasmusmc.nl and vitalmedbodrum.com
- 16th Annual conference of Occuloplastic Association of India from 28-29th October, '06, Lucknow. Details can be had from Dr. Abjit Chabra at opaicon06@rediffmail.com
- 3rd Asia Pacific reach to recovery international breast support conference, Mumbai, November 7-10th, 2006. For details please contact mailing@uicc.org or www.uicc.org or www.jagruti.org.in
- Pediatric plastic surgery conference 2006, 11-13th November, 2006, Melbourne. Details at www.pps2005.com
- Asia Pacific Federation of Society for surgery of hand (6th APFSSH), November, 15-18th, 2006, Thailand. Details at www.apfssh2006.org

- 6th Asia Pacific craniofacial association conference, 16-19th November, 2006, Singapore. For details visit at www.orient_explorer.com/6APCA or e-mail at secretariat@orient_explorer.com
- Workshop on intersex and hypospadias from 16-17th November, 2006 at AIIMS, New Delhi. For details please contact Dr. D.K. Gupta at aaps2006@gmail.com or devendra@hotmail.com
- Jt. International conference of West Asia Society of Aesthetic Surgery (WASAPS) and Pakistan Assoc. of Plastic Surgeons (PAPS) at Karachi, November 17-19th, 2006. Details at www.pakconference.com
- Meeting on cleft and craniofacial orthodontics & distraction osteogenesis, 27-28th November, 2006. For details please contact Dr. Jyotsna Murthy at jmurthy@satyam.net.in or visit www.cleftcare.org
- CR Sunderajan CME on 'Craniofacial surgery update' – Midterm CME of UP Chapter of APSI – 2nd-3rd December, 2006, at Department of Plastic Surgery, K.G's Medical University, Lucknow. No registration charges. For details please contact to Dr. A.K. Singh at singhkarun@hotmail.com/plasticsurgery@indatimes.com. Dr. Arun Gosain from USA shall be participating
- 2nd tutorial in aesthetic surgery from 10-14th January, 2007. For details please contact Dr. Neeta Patel at neetapatel@hotmail.com
- International master course on ageing skin from 11-13th January, 2007, at Paris, France. For details visit www.imcasweb.com or e-mail to imcascongress@wanadoo.fr
- 4th Binannul conference of MAPSICON from 27-28th January, 2007 at Solapur. For details please contact Dr. Chitrale at spr_mvc@sancharnet.in
- 6th annual conference of Indian Society of cleft lip, palate and craniofacial association at PGIMER, Chandigarh, 16-19 February, 2007. For details www.isclpca2007.org
- National aesthetic surgery conference at Mussorie, 23-25th March, 2007. For details please contact Dr. Rakesh Kalra at mailaesurg07.com or visit www.aesurg07.com
- 14th International congress of international confederation for plastic reconstructive and aesthetic surgery. 24-29th June, 2007, Berlin, Germany. Details at www.ipras2007berlin.com

KEM Fellowship in Microsurgery: It is available for M.Ch./DNB trainees in plastic surgery or members less than 35 years of age to undergo training course at Ethicon Institute of Microsurgery. Members can apply on plain paper to the secretary latest by 30-09-2005.

Last dates for fellowship/award (except PEET prize 31st August, '06) is also 30th September, '06. The details are in the March, 2006 of our newsletter and also on the website.

Reports of awards / fellowships- Members who have received awards / fellowships last year are requested to send their reports by 30th September, 2006.