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FROM SECRETARIAT'S DESK

Dear Members,

Greetings from ISSP Secretariat!

It's time for us to share with you the activities and progress of our organization, Indian Society for Study of Pain (ISSP). We would like to thank all of you for supporting and guiding us all throughout in last one and half years. With support from everyone, we are able to take ISSP to new heights not only within our country but also across the globe. We are delighted to share with you the new accomplishments in first half of the year 2016.

We all had a great scientific feast at ISSPCON 2016 at Indore. "Team Indore" needs to be congratulated for conducting a marvelous event under great ambience. Truly they have set a new benchmark in conducting ISSPCON Annual National Conference. We thank and congratulate Dr Kishore Arora (Organising Chairman), Dr Pravesh Kanthed (Organising Secretary), Dr Javed Khan (Scientific Committee Chairman) and their enterprising team.

ISSP AGBM of 2016 had taken two major decisions one was about New Constitution and the other Indian Academy of Pain Medicine and it was the responsibility of secretariat to implement same. The New ISSP Constitution 2016 was approved and is being circulated to all members through electronic media. It's also uploaded on the ISSP website and also being submitted to Society Registrar's Office at Varanasi.

The second major decision was approval of formation of Indian Academy of Pain. Our proactive ISSP President, Dr BB Mishra had formed three-member committee (Dr RP Gehdoo, Dr Pradeep Jain & Dr P Vijayanand) to look into the feasibility, implementability and possible hurdles for IAPM. The committee tenure is one year only. Most of the work has been done like Accreditation Criteria, Curriculum and other formalities. The committee might suggest to start a pilot programme for fellowship of 18 months by July 2016 itself to understand intricacies. We are waiting for their inputs.

The income returns for the financial years 2013-14 & 2014-15 have been filed by previous secretariat team of Dr Ashok Saxena & Dr Baljit Singh on March 30th 2016.

We are going to have plethora of academic activities this year across the country more than 50 (an under estimate) in pain awareness programme wherein ISSP members are directly or indirectly involved in association with other societies. We request all of you to take note of this and participate wherever it's possible.

We had a total of three rounds of fruitful discussions with insurance officials (IRDA) of government owned insurance companies & CGHS officials during 2015 & 2016. This is in regard to the points raised in AGBM 2015 regarding insurance coverage for Pain Medicine Interventions. We have submitted our request and the required documents. Already we are observing positive changes with regard to insurance coverage of Pain Medicine interventions. We are waiting for official communication in this regard.

Don't forget July 9th is ISSP Foundation Day, let's have events marking this great day. We request State/City branches to celebrate the day/week in great fashion, involve as many people from other specialties, media, public and others concerned. Make it a great show, even if you are only ISSP member in town, please celebrate with your hospital colleagues with a small scientific programme and definitely cut a cake to mark the day and spread the knowledge and awareness.

IASP has earmarked this year as 'Year of Joint Pain', please conduct as many events with this reference. This year, we are conducting two major events in concurrence with IASP. We will share this information with members.

We are also distributing the branch shares whosoever submits the concerned state or city chapter account details like (Name of Account, Account number, Bank Name, PAN number, Branch Name, IFSC Code, cancelled cheque leaflet, account signatories name). Please note no amount will be transferred to personal account or department account or hospital account.

Most important news of this year, we will be starting the print version of Indian Journal of Pain again in coming couple of months. Thanks to our dynamic Indian Journal of Pain Editor, Dr Kailash Kothari, who has managed to bag the sponsorship in this regard. Well it doesn't end there, ISSP will receive royalty in this regard.

Wait, wait....it's not over. The ISSP has received an educational grant of Rs 3.5 lakhs, to support the educational activities of our society. We are in the process of releasing consensus statement in relation to common painful conditions in collaboration with other specialties like Orthopaedics, Psychology, Rehabilitation, Nutrition and other fields.

We are grateful to our energetic President Dr BB Mishra and other members of the Governing Council for their enthusiasm and for their readiness to carry forward the new initiatives. Their valuable inputs have been of immense help for the activities of ISSP in general and ISSP Conferences and meetings in particular.

The ISSPCON 2017 is scheduled at Jaipur, Rajasthan (www.isspcon2017.org). Don't miss this chance to visit Pink City of India, hurry up and register today!

Long Live ISSP

With Regards & Best Wishes,



Dr Muralidhar Joshi
Hon. Secretary ISSP



Dr Palanisamy Vijayanand
Hon. Treasurer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the President. First of all let me express my gratitude for electing me for the most prestigious and responsible post of President of Indian Society for Study of Pain.

It is more than three decades since our Society was founded. In this 32nd year we are able to give shape to our dream of forming Indian Academy of Pain Medicine (IAPM).



I congratulate the Members of the Adhoc Committee formed during 31st ISSPCON at Indore. For the rapid progress, they have made in finalizing most of the things, if we move at this pace, I hope we all will be able to start the accreditation programme for IAPM.

I had the opportunity to visit ESI Institute of Pain Management and Daradia Pain Clinic at Kolkata in the month of March 2016. I was really impressed to see the real multi modal approach being followed for pain management in ESI Institute of Pain Management. Both the Centers are doing excellent work in pain education.

The National Secretariat is working hard to set the office in order. A lot of things are to be completed in a span of two months before the re-registration of the Society is to be done. I congratulate Dr Muralidhar Joshi, Hon' Secretary and Dr Vijayanand, Hon' Treasurer for their efforts in sorting out the old issues and coming to a final conclusion about the financial matters.

IASP's 2016 aim is "Global Year against pain in the joints". In order to achieve this we should align ourselves the ways advocated by IASP.

I thank my immediate Past Presidents Dr B R Radhakrishnan and Dr Vivek Palsule, who have initiated lot of measures for qualitative growth of the Society.

I wish you all good luck, a healthy and prosperous, joy and happiness in the days to come.

Thank you once again for electing me as National President of ISSP 2016.

Long Live ISSP
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AGBM 2016 INDORE

Annual general body meeting held on 06.02.16 during the ISSPCON 2016 at Indore-MP

Hon. Secretary Dr Muralidhar Joshi welcomed all ISSP Life members for Annual General Body Meeting of ISSP. He requested non-life members to leave the hall so that business of the house can be conducted. He requested President of ISSP Dr Vivek Palsule to give his opening remarks. President's welcome address - Welcomed all members and told everyone to be brief and crisp. He told everyone to keep it simple.

AGBM 01/16 - Obituaries

Obituaries:

Dr Pradip R Mehta (M-43, Ahmedabad, as mentioned by Dr Geeta Joshi). 2 min silence was observed. His name will be deleted from database.

AGBM 15/16 - Elections 2016

As customary, ISSP Elections for the year was started in concurrence to save time for ISSP members. Hon. Secretary announced that the following members were elected unopposed for the council in view of single nomination & applications being in order (requested AGBM to approve the same);

Dr. Geeta Joshi - President-Elect; Dr. Preeti Doshi - Vice President; Dr. Kailash Kothari - Editor

The results were approved by the GBM

Hon. Secretary invited Immediate Past President Dr B Radhakrishnan to conduct election as Chief Election Officer for ISSPCON 2016. Dr B Radhakrishnan announced that the elections were open and the contesting candidates for the governing council were;

Dr. Raghu S Thota Dr. Sudheer Dara Dr. Karthic Babu Natarajan Dr. GK Kumar Dr. Jeetinder Makkar Dr. Prakash S Deshmukh Dr. Gaurav Sharma

He announced that Drs. BB Mishra and Baljit Singh would oversee the election process. There was a discussion regarding the ISSP identity cards as a must to vote in the election. The points observed were; some other form of identity verification should be acceptable. Dr Geeta Joshi expressed that it's not just responsibility of Hon. Secretary, but members are also equally responsible for carrying ID cards.

The election commissioner expressed that there is no way to cross check the identity of voters as the card and receipt were not received by paid new members. There were applicants for membership, who haven't received any communication from the secretariat. Finally it was agreed that the soft copy of database will be available and the members have to identify themselves with photo ID. Following this, the election process was initiated. It was agreed that the authenticity of the voters would be crosschecked with the database prior to casting the vote & the election process started....

Minutes of AGBM 2015, Chennai

Meeting called to order by the president Dr B Radhakrishnan. He made the opening remarks and welcomed all the delegates to the meeting. He requested Dr. AS Kameswar Rao, Immediate Past President & Chief Election Officer to conduct the elections.

1. Obituaries: none

2. He then asked the secretary to read out the agenda for the meeting. - Dr Ashok Kumar Saxena welcomed the delegates once again. The secretary started with the agenda and asked the Editor Dr Gautam Das to read out the editor's report.

3. Editor's: report read by Dr. Gautam Das – passed unanimously Proposed by Dr. B Kalyani Das, seconded by Dr. V. Palsule - Since no applications were called for the post of editor, as it was earlier decided that the editor would be selected from the applicants, but some members insisted that the editor should be elected and not selected. Thus one-year extension was given to the Editor. It was decided that the post of editor to be open for election/selection.

4. Dr. Baheti: Non-pain practitioners should not be considered for election to the executive posts of ISSP. He said that someone can be a member of GC but should not be considered eligible for higher post. This was strongly rejected and the president asked Dr Baheti to refrain from such remarks. He asked Dr Baheti not to divide members into different categories. Dr MV Bhimeswar also strongly rejected this proposal of Dr Baheti.

5. Eligibility of the Organising Secretary to contest for any post - The minutes of the last meeting were retrieved to determine the eligibility of local Organising chairperson & Organising secretary for contesting in the election. As per the current constitution, and the minutes of the GBM in Feb 2012 Dr. Karthic was not found to be eligible for contest.

6. Dr. BB Mishra was the sole contestant for the post of President – elect & Dr. M V Bhimeswar, was the sole contestant for the post of Vice -President. Both were declared elected unopposed – Unanimously passed.

7. There were three applications for the post of Joint Secretary that of Dr Babita Ghai, Dr Preeti Doshi & Dr Krishna Poddar, all nomination forms were found in order all were declared to be eligible to contest for the post.

8. The Chief Election Officer announced that there were two teams contesting for the post of Secretary & Treasurer out of which the team comprising of Dr Muralidhar Joshi & Dr Vijayanand was disqualified, as Dr Vijayanand had not completed one term of GC. Subsequently he declared that, as there was only one other team in the contest, of Dr Madhuri Lokapur & Dr Yashwant Nankar; as they fulfilled all criteria they were declared elected. Following this there was heated debate as many members of AGBM opposed the decision. Dr. Madhuri pointed out that her name has already have been approved by the GC and declared as elected.

Dr. Vijayanand, contestant for the Treasurer's post stated that as per the Secretary's notification, the treasurer is not required to have one term in the GC for determining the eligibility of his candidature for contesting as a treasurer. Dr. Muralidhar Joshi pointed out that it was because of this information that he opted to have Dr. Vijayanand as his partner to contest as a team otherwise he could have some other colleague for the team. Dr. Lokapur said that all criteria are not printed and people have been disqualified many times in the past as well as this conference. She pointed out that criteria for EC posts also did not mention all criteria and candidates had been disqualified.

As per the existing constitution, it was found that the treasurer needs to have one term to contest. Dr. Bibhu Kalyani Das had asked how secretary could publish wrong criteria. Dr. Cham, Dr. Radhakrishnan and Dr. Pravesh Kanthed also clarified that the copy of constitution kept there and circulated among GB was a draft that had been drafted by the GC during MTM held at Chennai on 26th & 27th September 2014 & has to be discussed in this GBM.

The Chief Election Officer put the matter to the GB. It was decided by the strength of the show of number of hands that there should be election and both the teams should be allowed to contest. Thus Dr Madhuri Lokapur and Dr Muralidhar along with their team partners Dr Yashwant Nankar and Dr Vijayanand respectively were declared as contestants for the post of secretary and treasurer. The president asked the chief election officer to proceed ahead with the election process. The Chief Election Officer (Dr Kameswar Rao) went ahead with election process for the post of GC members, Joint Secretary, Secretary & Treasurer.

Dr. Madhuri Lokapur stated that the decision of the GBM is illegal and if it is decided in favour of election then she is very disappointed and would consider quitting from the contest. President explained that the decision has been taken by the GBM, which is the supreme body, it is valid and legal. Thus Dr Madhuri Lokapur joined the election process and casted her vote.

Dr. Gautam Das said that he is very disappointed at the way the discussions are happening and he offered to quit. He was however persuaded to withdraw his statement and he agreed to continue as editor.

9. Secretary's report was read out by Prof Ashok kumar Saxena ----- Minutes of the last meeting were read out (The Details have not been submitted as yet as on 6th March 2016). The secretary asked the house for any clarification. As there was no query, the minutes were passed. Proposed by Dr. RP Gehdoo and seconded by Dr. DK Baheti

10. The increase in the ISSP Membership fees from 4000/- to 5000/-wef 1st April, 2015, This was unanimously passed.

11. Criteria for membership; Should MBBS doctors be enrolled as members (regular) or not? It was finally decided that membership may be granted to MBBS doctors if someone is pursuing pain management as his primary profession.

12. Midterm meeting at Indore. Dr. Pravesh Kanthed suggested that it should be a one-day meeting instead of two days of the MTM. It was decided to discuss it further to decide a mutually acceptable date and duration of the meeting. Dr. Pravesh Kanthed as 8/9 or 15/16 of August tentatively proposed the dates of MTM, whichever suits all concerned.

13. Hans Raj Oration; it was unanimously decided not to have Hans Raj oration as the company is not paying any money whatsoever.

14. Committee for scientific programme of the next annual conference: It was unanimously decided to appoint the immediate Past president to head the committee to finalize the scientific programme. Scientific Program Committee to include Dr. Ashok Kumar Saxena & Dr. P.N. Jain along with the immediate past president. The president suggested that it be named as the advisory Board.

15. The secretary informed that in the last one year 296 new members of ISSP were enrolled!!!

16. 2 new city branches, Aligarh city branch and Jaipur city branch were also approved unanimously. The Pune City Branch was already approved earlier. The activities of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, M.P. state chapters, and Chandigarh, Indore, Mumbai, & Lucknow city branches, including the “IASP funded Pain education for Nurses activity “ at Aligarh, conducted by Prof Ashok Kumar Saxena & Dr Hammad Usmani, and similar one by Dr Babita Ghai & Prof Y K Batra, at Chandigarh , were duly appreciated.

17. Proposal for ISSPCON 2017; There was only one proposal from Jaipur. Unanimously accepted. ISSPCON 2018- Delhi and Ahmedabad were the other proposals.

18. Dr. Harshe wanted discussion on fixing of the rates for different interventional pain procedures so that there is a uniform code all over India. He requested that the matter needs to be taken up urgently.

19. Treasurer's report was read out by the Dr. Baljit Singh for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15. The treasurer report was not passed pending queries

20. New candidates for the IASP and ISSP Pain fellowships were announced : Dr. Deepa, Dr. Pawan, Dr. Vaishali, Dr. Babu

21. The president asked the chief election officer to announce the results of the election. Dr Kameswar Rao informed that 129 members attended the GBM. Dr Muralidhar Joshi and Dr Vijayanand were declared as the winner for the post of secretary and the treasurer. The names of the GC members were as follow: Dr Babita Ghai, and Dr Pankaj Surange, Dr Atul Sharma, Dr Pravesh Kanthed, were declared elected as Joint Secretary, and GC Members respectively.

22. The issue of the Academy of Pain could not be discussed due to paucity of time.

23. The Constitutional amendments also could not be discussed for want of time: Due to the paucity of time, the discussion on constitutional amendments was not done. It was deferred to a later date to be notified

24. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks, by Dr. Baljit Singh on behalf of the president and secretary

25. The newly elected G.C. members were called on stage for Photographs

Minutes of EGBM 2015, Indore

Emergency General Body Meeting at Indore 16th August 2015 (Entire Meeting has been recorded with Audio-Video aids)

(Minutes as recorded by Dr Palanisamy Vijayanand, Dr BB Mishra & Dr Vivek Palsule)

11.00 hrs - Start of meeting

The Hon.Secretary welcomed everyone and requested everyone to sign in the GBM register.

President called the meeting to order. Then President explained to the gathering that the meeting has been convened in response to a legal notice served by Dr Madhuri Lokapur. The emergency GC meeting held in Indore on 22nd March 2015 decided to hold an Emergency GBM.

The Hon. Secretary informed that the ISSP has total 1781 members, and the quorum for the conduct of this meeting is 10% of total members. The GBM decided to reconvene after 30 minutes.

Meeting reconvened at 11.40 hrs

The Hon.Secretary welcomed everyone again and observed that the quorum had 26 members, which was much below what is required to hold an Emergency GBM.

Many members of the GB objected to this and said that it was the President who has requested for the extraordinary meeting, and it was not their request to hold the emergency GBM. In which case, the rules should be the same as for the Annual GBM. The President's letter has clearly mentioned it as an Extraordinary GBM, and not a requisition meeting. Dr Madhuri Lokapur, Dr. Cham & Dr. Geeta Joshi supported this along with other members.

There was an objection for Dr. Vijayanand to record the EGBM minutes by Dr Geeta Joshi and she wanted Dr BB Mishra (President Elect) to record minutes, and it was handed over to Dr. BB Mishra for further recording of minutes.

Dr. Pravesh Kanthed and Dr. Gautam Das participated in the deliberation asking the President to resolve the issue. The President repeatedly said this is a requisition meeting, whereas the members interpreted it as the letter issued and posted by the President informs that it is an extraordinary meeting. Dr. Bhimeswar explained the difference between an extraordinary and requisition meeting.

Dr.B.Radhakrishnan explained that according to the 2006 constitution registered with the Registrar at Varanasi, this was a requisition meeting as requested by the GC members following the emergency GC meeting held on 22nd March 2015. Dr. Nankar said that people have travelled from different parts of the country for this meeting and it should go ahead. Drs. BB Mishra, Babita Ghai, Sale, Cham & Nankar, Bhimeswar participated in further deliberations.

Dr Bhimeswar expressed that the previous GC did not take corrective measure when election notification was issued by Hon. Secretary and only became active at Chennai GC in 2015 to raise objections. Subsequently, they accepted the elections at Chennai 2015 for the post of Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, having accepted they have to respect the verdict of AGBM. Drs Cham, Madhuri Lokapur, Sale, Gautam Das expressed that it's past and they wanted the meeting to be conducted for which Dr Bhimeswar expressed strong reservations saying that if Dr Madhuri were to win elections, whether she would have sent a legal notice to ISSP Office bearers in the way she has done.

Dr Geeta Joshi expressed that the registration of society is at stake for many misdeeds in recent past. Dr Madhuri expressed that if President does not want to conduct the meeting, not a problem, the next person will conduct the meeting. President wanted to take a decision by consulting the house for which Drs Bhimeswar, Geeta Joshi, Madhuri Lokapur, Cham, BB Mishra expressed that let president take decision as per the rules and interest of society.

The President asked Vice President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer about conducting the meeting for which all three of them said they are in not favour of meeting. The other members in GB were in favour of conducting meeting. Dr Babita asked president, the decisions taken during this meeting would it be legally valid? If it's going to be valid then let's go ahead with meeting, otherwise

Chennai AGBM story will repeat here. Dr Bhimeswar expressed that reply has been sent to the legal notice sent by Dr Madhuri to reply in 10 days, which she has not done, let's wait for reply and fight it out legally.

Dr Geeta Joshi expressed that the society is in trouble; currently the issue is Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer post; let's focus on that issue, let's keep personal issues aside.

The President decided to conduct the Emergency General Body Meeting in the larger interest of society's welfare. President wanted to have documents & receipts of registration of ISSP constitutional amendments and registration renewal.

Dr Madhuri Lokapur expressed that in GC & GBM she was declared as winner for the post of Hon. Secretary along with Dr YL Nankar as Hon. Treasurer. Subsequently certain things happened, by taking opinion of AGBM members, election was conducted, which she claimed that it was illegal and will be challenged in court. On the basis of this, she sent legal notice to 6 office bearers out of which she received reply from four ISSP office bearers collectively from ISSP Secretariat; President of ISSP replied separately and one other ISSP office bearer has not replied and she expressed, he must have accepted the notice.

Dr Madhuri expressed that during the Emergency GC meeting held on 22nd March both President Dr Palsule & Past President Dr Radhakrishnan called her & told her that even if she gets opinion from Registrar of Society at Varanasi (Official authority) regarding the decisions of society, it will be acceptable; on that basis they will decide on calling for GBM. On 23rd of April she met Registrar of Society at Varanasi & she expressed that her lawyer had prepared full complaint against ISSP before meeting registrar. She said after 2011, none of the documents pertaining to ISSP have been furnished till date to renew the registration every year (which is mandatory, but the previous Hon. Secretary has failed to do so) & registrar asked her to lodge a complaint & will conduct enquiry, on which he can send report to derecognize society to relevant courts. She said that Rs 10,000 for Vakalatnama at Varanasi has been paid, but she did not submit complaint, but only submitted letter of information.

The Registrar of Society expressed that (as expressed by Dr Madhuri Lokapur);

- GB is nothing, it's the constitution which is supreme
- The office has not received any documents from 2011 onwards

- No constitutional amendments have been received from 2006 onwards, however if the amendments presented in previous GBM have not been challenged in next GBM, they become accepted Dr Madhuri expressed that draft constitution of 2014, which the previous Hon. Secretary claimed that it's passed in 2014, amounts to forgery. There is a separate format to file amendments (which needs to be submitted to registrar) if they are not challenged in next GBM; they get accepted. She said that all information she has given it to President, after which he called for this GBM, hence it can't be requisition meeting. For which President said that the GBM was called because of GC, for which Dr Madhuri expressed, he has not expressed it in the Invitation Letter for GBM. She also expressed that she has gone to Varanasi on the request of committee and costs needs to be reimbursed. President expressed that he wanted the documents & receipts for renewing the registration at Varanasi Registrar Office. Dr. Geeta Joshi informed the house regarding the updation of records upto 2011. She said that the receipts might be with Dr Rastogi, but based on those documents, the registration is renewed upto 2016. She said that the amendments after 2006, have been submitted till 2009 but the registrar might not have accepted as it might be in a different format. Dr Radhakrishnan expressed that after 2006, no new amendments have been recorded at registrar office, and hence 2006 constitution is final. Dr Geeta Joshi accepted that amendments should have been done as per requirement of society. Dr Bhimeswar, Dr Radhakrishnan, Dr Geeta Joshi & Dr Madhuri accepted the fact that as per in writing of registrar; no documents after 2011, no amendments after 2006 and elections to be conducted as per constitution. They accepted to continue to resolve things till amendments unchallenged upto 2014. Dr Radhakrishnan & Dr Geeta Joshi felt & expressed that since the issue was around Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer Posts election at ISSPCON 2015, let's work on resolving things around this topic. Dr Radhakrishnan expressed that previous Hon. Secretary (Dr Ashok Saxena) has done mess of things because of which society is facing the crisis.

It was accepted to follow the constitution of 2006 with relevant amendments upto 2014 for which President expressed reservations that unless he has documents about amendment, he would not like to comment. Dr Radhakrishnan & Dr Geeta Joshi expressed that Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer elections have not been done as per constitution & they need to be abolished.

At this stage, Dr Bhimeswar & Dr BB Mishra opined that entire elections of ISSP 2015 needs to be cancelled as the previous Hon. Secretary (Dr Ashok Saxena)'s wrong notification lead to this all fiasco and cancellation cannot be piecemeal as per legal opinion. Drs Babita, Geeta Joshi, Cham, Madhuri, Bhimeswar, Radhakrishnan participated in the discussion that previous team has to be replaced in GC if entire election of 2015 has to be cancelled and almost all GB members expressed that they don't want previous Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer team as because of them whole thing has cropped up.

Dr Babita & Dr Bhimeswar expressed that Dr Kritika Doshi & Dr Karthic Babu have been deprived of contesting elections; they might also go to court?

Dr Geeta Joshi said that there are also mistakes in electing editor, joint secretary; but let's correct those mistakes later. First let's correct the mistake of electing the Hon. Secretary & Hon. Editor. At this stage Dr Bhimeswar expressed that as per 2006 constitution, only the secretary will be elected and he will chose his treasurer (preferable from same city) from life members in GB who has completed one term in EC. Dr Muralidhar Joshi read out that joint secretary, editor & treasurer would be nominated by EC as per 2006 constitution.

Dr Babita & Dr Bhimeswar said that Dr Muralidhar Joshi had to go with Dr Vijayanand as treasurer as per notification of previous secretary, otherwise he had a choice to go with someone who had completed one term of GC. Both of them asked why should Dr Muralidhar Joshi be victimized for error of previous secretary? For which, Dr Radhakrishnan & Dr Geeta Joshi said entire thing happened because series of blunders from previous secretary.

At this stage Dr Geeta Joshi, Dr Sale, Dr Gautam, Dr Pravesh expressed that it's painful to disqualify an efficient person like Dr Muralidhar Joshi who is known not only at national but also at international in various fields, but this is being done to smoothen the ISSP functioning process. GB members opined that the services of Dr Muralidhar Joshi & Dr Vijayanand should be availed by ISSP in other programmes, not only as secretary or treasurer but also in different capacities like pain academy and other responsibilities.

For which, Dr Muralidhar Joshi thanked everyone in the house for the confidence they have in him & Vijayanand as a team. He reiterated that both of them do not have to be secretary & treasurer to serve ISSP; they have served ISSP earlier and will serve in future; finally he said that the issue is about constitutional validity of election of Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer and if President says it's invalid he and Vijayanand will bow out from the posts with grace and President's decision is final.

Dr Bhimeswar said that as per 2006 constitution, Dr Muralidhar Joshi is still eligible and he can choose a new treasurer from GB; a discussion happened between Dr Sale, Dr Geeta Joshi, Dr Baljit, Dr Madhuri and others.

Dr Gautam Das said that because Dr Madhuri & Dr Nankar were declared as elected in GC & AGBM; they should be restored as Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer and Dr Muralidhar Joshi & Dr Vijayanand to be repositioned as academy of pain chairman & coordinator. For which some members in GB supported.

Dr Bhimeswar said in the event elected candidate Dr Muralidhar Joshi is not given any chance to work as secretary by GB, then joint secretary will function as secretary till next election, as per constitution. For which Dr Madhuri did not agree. Then Dr Bhimeswar, explained that the entire EC of 2014-15 is responsible for the election debacle of 2015; the notification came on website and other media one month before election and none of the EC members made an attempt to correct same till February 6th 2015 and made hue and cry about 2006 constitution. In this situation, losing candidates cannot be restored as secretary and treasurer. Dr Muralidhar Joshi was not given a chance to find a new partner as treasurer. Some EC members said that they never received newsletter about election notification and they wanted to be minuted & recorded that whole error happened because of the then secretary.

Dr Geeta Joshi came with a proposal that the posts of Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer should be frozen till next Elections and Mr President and Dr Pravesh to manage the society till that time. This was not acceptable to Dr Madhuri & she said that their team has to be restored as per the GB notice because of which she did not go to court to settle issues. She asked president why there is no sympathy for her? For which president replied, the GBM was called specifically to address her concern.

Dr B Radhakrishnan, BB Mishra & Dr Bhimeswar said as per constitution joint secretary takes over in the absence of secretary; there is no need for anyone else. Dr Madhuri protested that it's not justice at all. Dr Baljit said that; since entire election was mismanaged, whole election needs to be cancelled, had Dr Muralidhar Joshi known he cannot select Dr Vijayanand as treasurer, he would have gone with someone. Tomorrow Dr Muralidhar Joshi might go to court and serve a notice to ISSP about unfair elections.

Dr Madhuri asked all members in GB as why they are not being restored as secretary & treasurer and is their any personal agenda against them? For which Dr Babita, Dr Sunita, Dr Baljit, Dr Bhimeswar & Dr BB Mishra replied as part of discussion.

Dr B Radhakrishnan & Dr Bhimeswar wanted to freeze the election of secretary & treasurer or cancel whole election. Dr Pravesh asked in case of cancellation of election 2015 who will manage the society, for which Dr Bhimeswar & Dr B Radhakrishnan replied either previous executive or a new committee can be raised. Dr Madhuri expressed either restore us or cancel the whole election.

Dr. Vijayanand once again recorded the minutes at the request of Hon. Secretary Dr Muralidhar Joshi

Dr. Atul Sharma asked that if the whole 2015 election process was cancelled could he take to legal recourse?

Dr B Radhakrishnan was of the opinion that the 2015 elections were a procedural irregularity and asked for the whole process to be frozen.

Dr. Pravesh Kanthed explained that the whole process was a mistake, and requested Dr. Lokapur to not object to the current team's continuation.

Dr. Geeta Joshi was of the opinion for the 2015 election to be cancelled.

There were discussions among various members with regard to the point whether it was the whole election process that would have to be cancelled or just the posts of Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned for a few minutes for the President to make a decision. President had a discussion with GC members and other ISSP members.

13.45 hours

The President concluded after all discussions that ISSP 2015 elections for Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer did not happen as per constitution; declared that the posts of Secretary and Treasurer would be frozen. The Joint Secretary will take over the secretariat till 2016. Fresh elections for the posts will be held in ISSPCON 2016.

Following this development, Dr Muralidhar Joshi & Dr Palanisamy Vijayanand thanked everyone in ISSP for all support for 6 months and promised to work with next team of ISSP for bringing things in order. They left the hall to pack up ISSP documents and hand it over to joint secretary of ISSP.

Mean time Drs Baljit Singh, Pravesh Kanthed, Geeta Joshi spoke to president that Dr Madhuri Lokapur wanted to express certain things. Dr Madhuri Lokapur addressed President and other ISSP members that 'she has no objection if the team of Drs Muralidhar Joshi & Palanisamy Vijayanand continue as Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer & she will withdraw the legal notice served to ISSP office bearers.' This decision of her was applauded by the house & for that President also thanked her.

President sent a word to Drs Muralidhar Joshi & Palanisamy Vijayanand to come back to Hall and requested them to continue as Hon Secretary & Hon. Treasurer of ISSP for the rest of the term. All ISSP Members present in EGBM passed a resolution to reimburse Dr Madhuri Lokapur's legal expenses & also expenses incurred by President by ISSP Secretariat.

Meeting ended at 1400hrs

The previous AGBM & EGBM minutes were confirmed

AGBM 03/16

Action Taken Report of various Decisions of AGBM 2015 & EGBM 2015 The Hon.Secretary read out the Action taken report

1. Editor by selection not by election, if so, what are selection criteria. 5-year membership – (Implemented)
2. MBBS doctors in their efforts working towards Pain Specialty can be provided with life membership. Other professionals of allied specialty like physiotherapy, physical medicine, rehabilitation programme, nursing professionals will be associate members – (Implemented)
3. Organising Chairman & Secretary cannot contest for elections till the submission of audited account to GC – (Implemented)
4. The Secretary's report was not available for us to put in AGBM – (not Implemented)
5. The ISSP Life membership raised from Rs 4000 to Rs 5000. The ALM members will pay Rs 3500 without voting rights – (Implemented)
6. GC meeting to be held in August – (Implemented)
7. No More Hansraj Oration – (Implemented)
8. ISSPCON Scientific programmes to be finalised 4 months before conference. Immediate Past President to be chairman of ISSP Scientific Committee & the scientific programme to be put on website 8 weeks before conference (The ISSP Scientific/Education - committee to comprise Immediate PP + Past Secretary + One GC member) – (Implemented)
9. IRDA - Tariff for Interventions – (Under Discussion)
10. Treasurer report passed for 2014 & 2015 – (Not passed)

Discussion:

Dr. BB Mishra observed that the Treasurer report and audited accounts have not been submitted to the AGBM previously. He has now gone through the report, as well as the audited accounts, and found that they were in proper order. He invited Dr. Baljit Singh to present it.

Dr. Baljit Singh presented the audited reports of ISSP accounts for the year 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15. He expressed that he will be filing IT returns at Delhi for the year 2015-16 also.

Till date ISSP IT returns have not been filed. He reported that he has been authorized by the GC to file the IT returns in Delhi, and will file it in a phased manner over a few months. The Treasurer will read out the complete statement in his report, and it will be presented as a power point for members, so that it is clearer. Dr. Mishra observed that the report should be published in the newsletter.

11. New Candidates for IASP/ISSP Fellowship announced – We do not know their ISSP numbers or any details – (Could not be implemented effectively, Secretariat had to struggle to identify them)
12. Indian Pain Academy Resolution – Passed unanimously in GC – (Subject to approval in AGBM)
13. Pain Centres to be accredited by ISSP & ISSP to charge fees. President to come out with guidelines in this regard – (Under Discussion)
14. ISSP Constitutional Amendments – (Needs AGBM approval)

15. We have replied to legal notice from one of aggrieved member of ISSP on behalf of 4 GC members only – (Implemented)
16. As part of emergency GC meeting, President has called for EGBM as per request of GC members – (Implemented)
17. EGBM decisions – Reimbursement of Dr Madhuri Lokapur's expenses – (Needs AGBM approval) (request Past President Dr B Radhakrishnan opinion in this regard)
18. Accounts from previous secretariat & ISSP Registration renewal – (Under discussion)

The action taken report was passed.

Proposed: Dr. Naveen Malhotra Seconded: Dr. RP Gehdoo

Hon. Secretary read out the Agenda for Information (Annexure: 2)

AGENDA FOR INFORMATION

AGBM 04/16 – Status of Legal Notice

The Hon. Secretary updated the GBM regarding the legal notice received by members of the governing council. He reported that the notice has been replied to and the members have not received any communication from the aggrieved member since.

AGBM 05/16 - IASP

The ISSP Secretariat reported that the communication issue with IASP has been resolved once-and-for-all. This was helped by the close interaction between the office bearers of ISSP and IASP during the Neuropathic Pain meeting held at Delhi in November 2015

AGBM 06/16 ISSP SECRETARIAT

Hon. Secretary's Annual Report 2015-16

Good evening everyone. We welcome you all to today's AGBM. Presiding officer of today's AGBM, ISSP President Dr Vivek Palsule, Vice President Dr MV Bhimeswar, President Elect Dr BB Mishra, Treasurer Dr Vijayanand, Editor Dr Gautam Das, Past President & Election Commissioner, Past Presidents of ISSP, Other dignitaries off the Dias, members of ISSP and my dear friends. Greetings from ISSP Secretariat! It gives us immense pleasure to share with you the Secretariat report of Indian Society for Study of Pain for the year 2015-16.

The year 2015-2016 has been a great year for ISSP. We had a plethora of academic activities all over the country & a lot of new initiatives from ISSP Secretariat.

Academics

The year started with ISSPCON 2015. We all had a great scientific feast at ISSPCON 2015 at Chennai. "Team Chennai" needs to be congratulated for conducting a marvelous event under great ambience. Truly they have set a new benchmark in conducting ISSPCON Annual National Conference. We thank and congratulate Dr Ravi Krishna Kalathur (Organising Chairman), Dr Karthic Babu Natarajan (Organising Secretary), Dr GK Kumar (Scientific Committee Chairman) and their enterprising team. They have submitted audited report for two financial years 2014-15 & 2015-16, we appreciate their commitment and solidarity and being neat and clean. They have paid Rs 30,000 towards ISSP as conference profit and have retained Rs 18,000 for TN State Branch. They require big applause for their team's clarity of understanding.

This was closely followed by initiation of working on the ISSP project of preparing A monograph on “Tricyclic Antidepressants” which was entirely compiled by ISSP in co-ordination with Elsevier. This was one of its kind, we congratulate all the members involved in this project. The ISSP monograph on 'Tricyclic Antidepressants' was released with big fanfare at a 'Neuropathic Pain' meet at New Delhi. As one time honorarium ISSP has received RS 90,000 from Elsevier.

In September, ISSP received an invitation from AO Spine Summit Meet of Asia Pacific Region. The summit had 18 societies of Asia Pacific Region, it was held at Hong Kong. Hon. Secretary and Dr Madhuri Lokapur participated in the summit and delivered lectures during scientific sessions and had good interaction with other societies. This has opened up a channel between ISSP and Asia Pacific region Pain societies. The Hon. Secretary happened to visit China, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka to open up channels of exchange of ideas and initiation of training programmes.

We had a wonderful scientific programme at New Delhi in November on “Neuropathic Pain” where in many renowned international speakers from IASP spoke about various aspects of Neuropathic Pain. During the programme, the IASP GC and ISSP GC had lot of interactions in regard to way forward. This was also a situation that IASP had its first Executive Committee meeting in Asia in so many years.

There are new proposals to prepare 'Guidelines or Consensus Statement' in collaboration with other societies for better of community in general. The Secretariat will work in this constructive project in collaboration with GC.

Secretariat

We have initiated the ISSP secretariat work within 24 hours after taking charge of the responsibility. The agenda in our mind was that in first quarter of the first year of our term, we wanted to revamp the database of ISSP members and also ISSP website. You will be happy to know that we achieved a great amount of success in this regard. More than 30% of ISSP members database have been updated with their emails & mobile numbers. The website is on par with international standards. We are being assisted by a good number of ISSP members in all these efforts.

In addition, we have digitized and archived important documents like AGBM & GC minutes, AGBM & GC attendance and others. The Secretariat has its own ID card maker, Printer and Laminator to take care of day-to-day office work.

We had two rounds of fruitful discussions with insurance officials (IRDA) of government owned insurance companies & CGHS officials. This is in regard to the points raised in AGBM 2015 regarding insurance coverage for Pain Medicine Interventions. We have stressed importance of nearly 90-day care procedures in interventional pain management for acceptance. We will follow it up and keep you updated on how it evolves. In continuation with 'Go Green Concept' world over, henceforth we would like to continue with e-newsletter and ISSP office will be 'Paperless Office'. We need your support and encouragement in this regard.

Please go through the details of various Awards, Nominations, and Fellowships in our website, all information has been uploaded on the website for the benefit of members. Interested members and member societies can apply for them before the last date as specified. In case there are insufficient nominations, GC will take a final call in awarding the worthy candidates amongst available ISSP Members.

To smoothen the ISSP office functioning, a Rule Book has been made by Secretariat and has been circulated to all Governing Council (GC) members. Similarly a Blue Book has been prepared regarding the Conference Protocols for the benefit of Conference organisers. The esteemed GC has duly accepted both these documents with required modifications. Mid term Meeting (MTM) of GC was held at Indore on 15th of August 2015. The MTM GC meeting has finalised the ISSP Pain Academy and Constitutional Amendments and the draft copies have been posted on the website. Any suggestions and modifications from ISSP members are welcome. We had EGBM on 16th August to address certain concerns, it was resolved by EGBM. The ISSPCON 2017 is scheduled at Jaipur, Rajasthan. Don't miss a chance, hurry up and register today for early bird registration! We request members to update their information through ISSP website www.issp-pain.org.

Future

The IASP has declared 2016 as Global Year Against Pain in the Joints & 2017 as Pain After Surgery. Various chapters have initiated events in this regard. We will come back to you with information in this regard in the next newsletter of ISSP.

We request members to update their details online through ISSP website, with their registered email ID, for any problem please contact issphq@gmail.com. As promised, we have started online registration of new members in the form of Net Banking. Soon, we should be open to start services with Credit Cards as well (we are in the process of completing formalities).

There are proposals lined up for Formation of Indian Academy of Pain Medicine, Constitutional Amendments, ISSP Guidelines for pain practice so on and so forth.

Conclusion:

Before I conclude, ISSP Secretariat would like to thank all of you for trusting our ability and electing us as Honorary Secretary of Indian Society for Study of Pain (ISSP) and Treasurer. We will strive to achieve the goals set by our seniors. With support from everyone, we can take ISSP to new heights not only within our country but also across the globe. We thank one and all for coming in large numbers to attend ISSPCON 2016 and make it a grand successful event. We thank one and all.

To serve you better we have been working on certain crucial things such as online registrations, online updates, special interest groups so on and so forth. Stay tuned to not only reap new benefits, but also to present our society to the world in an innovative way.

I am grateful to all the members of the Governing Council for their enthusiasm and for their readiness to carry forward the new initiatives. Their valuable inputs have been of immense help for the activities of ISSP in general and ISSP Conferences and meetings in particular.

Long Live ISSP

Jai Hind

Hon.Secretary requested AGBM permission to open a bank locker to store ISSP documents & also open one more bank account for the sake of convenience of Secretariat. Hon. Secretary requested AGBM to accept new 60 life members into ISSP fold, which was duly accepted by GB.

Prop: Dr. Babita Ghai Seconded: Dr. Krishna Poddar

Status: Approved

The AGBM approved the Hon.Secretary to open a bank locker The AGBM approved the new members to be accepted into ISSP

AGBM 07/16 – ISSP New Members & New Chapters

The Secretariat had to start new series of membership number, as the previous team could not give proper information. The old numbers will continue as they are, there will not be any change. Current ISSP Membership strength is 1768. Secretary requested members to update their information on website. Also requested members to apply for ID card, as it will be mandatory for elections.

Hon. Secretary requested GB to give approval for new state branch Telangana & new city branch Ahmedabad. He was also happy to announce revival of Kerala and Odisha state branches.

Status: Approved by AGBM

AGENDA FOR CONFIRMATION

AGBM 08/16 – Treasurer Report

The Treasurer read out the Treasurer Report (Annexure: 3)

1. TREASURER REPORT INDIAN SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF PAIN

AGBM Meeting – 6th February 2016 Indore

2. COMPONENTS

- Unaudited account from April 1st 2015 to January 31st 2016 (FY: 2015-16)
- Activities During ISSPCON 2016
- Budget proposal
- New Initiatives
- Suggestions

3. INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTS

- Unaudited accounts from April 1st 2015 to January 31st 2016
- One Current account
- Syndicate Bank, Basheer Bagh Branch
- Accounts being handled from 8th October 2015

4. Syndicate Bank Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad

- Syndicate Bank, (01.04.2015)
- Opening Balance Savings – Rs 20,23,884.57/-
- FD – 37 lakhs (Central Bank of India 24 lakhs & SBI 12,31,000 lakhs [As communicated by Dr Bhavana Shah]) + 15 lakhs (Syndicate Bank) (~ 51 lakhs)
- Closing Balance – Rs. 4,43,660.91/-

5. Deposits (Inflow)

- Membership fee – Rs. 1,74,580.00/-
- Elsevier – Rs 90,000/-
- Interest Credit – Rs. 37,470/-
- ISSP logo – Rs 20,000

6. Expenditures (Outflow)

- FD (1) Syndicate Bank - Rs 10,00,000 (7.5%) 01/01/19
- FD (2) Syndicate Bank - Rs 5,00,000 (7.5%) 01/02/19
- ISSPCON 2016 Seed Money - Rs 1,00,000
- ID card maker, Printer & Laminator - Rs 99,175/-
- GC Travel Expenses - Rs 63,080/-
- Website Expenses - Rs 40,000

7. Expenditures (Outflow)

- ISA - Rs 43,535
- Crystal Xerox, UCMS - Rs 35,000
- EGBM - Rs 23,837
- Ganpathi Novelties - Rs 23,250
- Radhakrishnan B - Rs 20,000
- Gaurav Sharma - Rs 12,100
- Legal Expenses - Rs 10,000
- Office Expenses - Rs 11,369
- ISSP - Rs 8,000

8. Summary

- Total expenditure till 31st January Rs 4,89,616
- Amount spent by previous secretariat during our tenure - Rs 3,28,802
- Amount spent by Current Secretariat 1,60,814
- Interest on FD's 2015-16 (37 lakhs) @7.5% Rs 2,77,500
- Interest on FD's 2015-16 (10+5 lakhs) @7.5% Rs 28,125
- Interest on FD's 2015-16 - Rs 3,05,625

9. Proposed Budget for Financial Year 2016-17

A. Payments (4,50,000 in Rs)

- Office Expenses (Rent, Salaries, Stationaries, Internet, Courier, SMS, Travel) - Rs 1,20,000
- GC Travel - Rs 50,000
- Website Maintenance - Rs 40,000
- Audit Fee - Rs 10,000
- Accounting Charges - Rs 15,000
- ISSPCON Seed Money - Rs 1,00,000
- Legal expenses - Rs 30,000
- Award Expenses - Rs 60,000
- ISSPCON expenses - Rs 25,000

B. Receipts (Rs 5,27,625)

- Interest on FD's - 3,05,625
- Branch Fee - 2,000
- ISSPCON Contribution - 1,00,000
- Miscellaneous - 20,000
- Return of Seed Money - 1,00,000

C. Computing

Expenditure - 4,50,000

Income - 5,27,625

Excess of Income over Expenditure - 77,625

85% we need to spend, we are almost spending the same amount.

10. Any Suggestions welcome

It was realised and accepted that IT returns have never been filed and budgeting of ISSP never done earlier. The GC appreciated new initiative. It was pointed out by Dr Mishra that we might not get any interest on our account, as it has become current account from savings account. Dr Babita expressed that contribution from ISSPCON might vary as per financial fluctuations, which was accepted by GC. The Hon. Secretary explained the reason for bringing it out the Non-Judicial stamp paper agreement for conference bidders; which can be modified time to time. Past president Dr B Radhakrishnan & Joint Secretary Dr Babita Ghai appreciated the initiatives.

GB accepted the treasurer report and the budget proposal.

Proposed: Dr. Gehdoo Seconded: Dr. Kothari Approved.

AGBM 09/16 – Editor's Report

Our journal is online to reduce expenses. Last year there were adequate advertisements to generate income to sustain IJP expenditure. Medknow will from now on receive the advertisement money. Our expenditure for the journal will be nil. It is good news for the incoming editor.

The quality of the articles has improved. Last year we received 98 articles and published 45. A rejection rate of 50%, out of them 30 were from outside India. We have been publishing ahead of time. It should be in PubMed Indexing in 3 years. Reviewing the articles on time has been a problem. The editor requested the reviewers to commit themselves to the work. In future, it would be good if the secretariat deals with the publishers, so that the editor could concentrate on the work with peace of mind.

Proposed: Dr.Gaurav Sharma Seconded: Dr.Krishna Poddar Approved

AGBM 10/16 – Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional Amendments The Hon. Secretary reported that most of them were approved in the previous GBM, and it needs to be now submitted to the Registrar's office

Two changes proposed To include the President-Elect terminology & responsibility (page: 13) Amendment to the EGBM requisition; Dr Geeta Joshi wanted to know the time for putting forth requisition for EGBM & EGCM. For which Hon. Secretary responded that it's already incorporated and read the lines. Dr Geeta Joshi was convinced.

Proposed: Dr Kailash Kothari Seconded: Dr Ashok Saxena Decision of GB: Approved

AGBM 11/16 – Indian Academy of Pain Medicine

Issues Discussion on the mandatory '10 beds' rule (Dr Kailash Kothari) Auditing of centres – Should be present (Dr Pradeep Jain) Entry criteria – DA or MD/DNB? Criteria for accreditation of centres, Could it be a nursing home? Should other specialties apart from Anaesthesia be part of the Academy?

The word 'exclusively' from the 10 beds exclusively rule was removed following GBM consensus

The argument for inclusion of DA were 1) The IAPM Fellowship will not be MCI recognised. So there is no need to alienate people within our society 2) MD is required from a teaching commitment perspective, but we need more practicing pain physicians 3) DA is valid enough to provide clinical service

Following a show of hands, the President ruled that DA/DNB/MD would all be eligible to be part of the Academy.

Proposed: Dr Pravesh Kanthed Seconded: Dr Gaurav Sharma

Decision of GB: Approved

Renewal of ISSP Registration. Dr. Saxena to follow up – for which he kindly obliged

There was a suggestion to celebrate the ISSP formation day on the 9th of July, which was duly accepted by GB. The State & City chapters along with their departments were requested to celebrate ISSP formation Day so that awareness about field of Pain Medicine improves over course of time.

AGBM 12/16

IRDA - It was discussed earlier

AGBM 13/16 – EGBM Decisions

EGBM at Indore – August 2016 Hon.Secretary narrated the sequence of events. A full 40 minutes were spent on this issue. President reported that with the consent of the house it was promised to reimburse the legal charges of Dr. Madhuri Lokapur. She has now submitted a bill for Rs. 1,16,790/ The GC has decided to reimburse Rs. 35,000/ only based on the travel, accommodation, subsistence and expenses at the registrar's office.

The AGBM discussions were on whether to pay the claim of Dr. Madhuri Lokapur or reimburse her based on the GC figures.

Points in favour of the full payment of Dr. Lokapur's claim

- 1) The EGBM has committed to reimbursing her claim
- 2) The President should respect his words

Points against the claim and in favour of the GC decision

- 1) ISSP does not have the kind of resources to pay the claim
- 2) Does an EGBM have the authority to give such an assurance?
- 3) Dr. Lokapur should not have been asked to represent the ISSP in the first place, because she was the aggrieved party
- 4) It sets a bad precedent
- 5) The EGBM and all its decisions should be quashed
- 6) Someone neutral should have been asked to do the same

The Election was declared closed at 19.15 hours.

The Vice President explained the GBM on how the figure of Rs.35,000/ was arrived at. It was also clarified that it was the GC meeting at Indore that asked her to meet the Registrar. i.e. She was the officer of ISSP

The President's decision was taken in the larger interests of the ISSP, but the AGBM's decision stands. The house approved the GC's decision to pay Dr. Lokapur Rs.35,000/

Proposed: Dr. Babita Ghai Seconded: Dr. Jitendra Jain

AGBM 14/16 ISSPCON 2017 & 2018

GB approved Delhi as the venue for ISSPCON 2018. Hon. Secretary complimented Team Delhi for accepting the new agreement with penal clause, even though it was at a short notice. Status: Approved by AGBM

AGBM 16/16

Awards – LTA, Oration, Fellowships The Four ISSP fellowship candidates were announced. GB accepted ISSP fellowships of all four applicants namely Dr Milon Mitragotri, Dr Samarjit Ray, Dr Piyush B Wani & Dr Barge Asha Sathish.

There is only one application for ISSP Oration with recommendation of City branch (Varanasi City Branch) i.e., Dr LD Mishra. (Approved by AGBM)

AGBM: Approved The Life Time Achievement Awardee would be D VP Kumra

AGBM: Approved Dr Gautam Das reported that the centres for the fellowships have to be approved

The Hon.Secretary replied that the secretariat would be calling for applications from new centres soon.

AGBM 17/16

ISSP Office Relocation There is one other issue of ISSP having its own office. This will be discussed in the next GC.

AGBM 18/16

Any other Matter with permission of chair The Hon.Secretary informed the house about the incident of Dr. Cham meeting with an accident, and prayed for his speedy recovery.

Hon.Secretary reported that a new ID card maker has been bought. From now on the ID card along with the certificate and receipt will be sent in a single post. He asked for the GBM to approve the increase the cost for ID card to Rs.200/

Approved by AGBM

Hon. Secretary observed that the new state and city branches could register themselves as Society for Study of Pain (State/City branch) to overcome the issue of registration with 'Indian' in the name.

He also observed that the national society's PAN card should not be used for local purposes.

The Vice President observed that when registering the new society, it could be added that it is "Incorporated to ISSP."

It was clarified that City branches could directly apply to the National Society and that it need not go through the State branch.

It was also informed to the house that ISSP Secretariat has appointed its own legal advisor and Chartered Accountant in concurrence with GC and its drafted in GC minutes.

Dr. Gaurav Sharma did a brief presentation of the ISSPCON 2017 at Jaipur and invited everyone to attend. The Early bird offer stands at 5000/

AGBM 15/16

Election 2016

The Election results for the GC were declared Total votes: 122

Invalid: 1

Dr. Sharma – 43 Dr. Thota – 32 Dr. Makkar – 32 Dr. GK Kumar – 52 Dr. Deshmukh – 53 Dr. Sudheer Dara – 54 Dr. Karthik Babu – 63

- Dr. Karthik Babu Natarajan
- Dr. Sudheer Dara and
- Dr. Prakash Deshmukh

Were declared as winners The president called the AGBM closed for business. Dr Vivek Palsule Handed over Presidentship to Dr BB Mishra (Incoming President)

AGBM 18/16

Incoming President's Remarks during Valedictory function

In-coming President's Valedictory Speech: we are at cross roads; it's time to move on....

1) IAPM – ad hoc committee. President wanted to implement decision of AGBM with immediate effect, hence he formed an adhoc committee to look into possibility, feasibility and implementability of IAPM draft resolution. The committee will be chaired by Dr RP Gehdoo, Past President, Dr Pradeep Jain, Past GC Member & Dr P Vijayanand, Treasurer. The tenure of committee will be one year. The committee will submit report and will be dissolved before next GBM. They have to come out with identification of centres by 31st May 2016. They have to implement the programme before 1st of December 2016. The model can be different from centre to centre (as per remuneration), but the curriculum will be same at all centres. One of the member of adhoc committee will certify centre and not all of them.

2) Special Interest Groups – He expressed that he would like to see the SIG being formed in various categories like Pain Education, Cancer Pain, Neuropathic Pain, Interventional Pain Management, chronic spinal pain so on so forth. Each member can enroll in only one group only. There will be annual subscription for SIG, which will be communicated to members through www.issp-pain.org website.

3) Practice Guidelines –In consideration for practicing pain physicians, guidelines or consensus statement in consultation with other societies about common clinical conditions should be framed at the earliest.

4)Constitutional amendments – one more legal opinion before it comes into force.

5) One-month fellowship will be called as Observership henceforth; as we are coming out with 18-month fellowship. There will not be any differentiation; all Observership will be called as IASP/ISSP Observership.

6) Please get ID cards by paying Rs 200 to ISSP. Please contact issphq@gmail.com for any clarification; it will be attended on priority basis. ID cards will be mandatory for elections and other official transactions.

7) We will be including Cancer Pain Management & Cancer pain education as our objectives for future responsibilities

ISSPCON - 2016 Indore report

The 31st Annual National Conference of the Indian Society for the Study of Pain **ISSPCON-2016** was held at Indore from February 4th -7th, 2016. The theme of the conference was “**Pain Management – from research to result**”. The national conference was organized by the ISSP Indore city branch & hosted by MP state chapter of ISSP. About 500 clinicians from 13 specialities, interested in pain medicine, from India and abroad attended the conference. The preconference workshops included ultrasound guided pain workshop on volunteers, fluoroscopy guided pain interventions & transforaminal endoscopic discectomy workshops on cadavers. About 100 delegates participated in the pre conference pain interventions workshops held at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Sciences, Indore.

The conference was held at Brilliant Convention Centre, Indore. The conference was inaugurated by social worker 'Padma Shri' **Janak Palta McGilligan** along with other senior members of ISSP. Dr. Vijay Ram from Wakefield, UK, received the “ISSP Lifetime Achievement Award” for yeomen service to the pain society during the inauguration. The scientific proceedings in the form of didactic lectures, How-I-Do-It sessions, video demonstrations, panel discussions, Pro-Con debates were well received. Emphasis during the conference was given to practical aspects of pain management & latest evidence based research updates and guidelines. Prominent national and international speakers like Dr. Anil Sharma (President, Spine & Pain Centres of NY & NJ, USA), Dr. Andreas Kopf (Berlin, Germany), Dr. Aki Hietaharju (Finland), Dr. Satish Chandra Gore interacted with delegates and shared their experience in pain medicine. The plenary session lectures included talk on “Evidence based guidelines for spinal injections”, Treatment of neuropathic pain – what can we learn from the new NeuPSIG guidelines” & “In vivo visualization of pain generators”. ISSP Oration delivered by Dr. Manjushree Ray on “Ethics in Pain” was enlightening. The honorable president of ISSP, Dr. Vivek Palsule talked on “Neuropathic Pain”. Enthusiasm among young pain physicians and interest in research was evident during the poster presentations.

About 40 posters on nociceptive and neuropathic pain were presented and the best 3 posters in each category received ISSP certificates and cash prizes. A separate session on “Awareness regarding pain management” was also organized for lay people. Members from various pharmaceutical and equipment companies participated and supported the conference. All participants received certificates with CME credit hours. The conference was widely covered by media including electronic & print. All conference scientific proceedings were recorded (after due consent of speakers) and will be distributed to interested ISSP members. This is done for the benefit of young pain physicians and students. Overall feedback about the national conference has been positive. On behalf of the ISSP Indore city branch, I would like to thank all the members who contributed positively for the conference.

Dr. Pravesh Kanthed

Organizing Secretary

ISSPCON-2016, Indore

Lighting of Lamp



**ISSP Lifetime Achievement Award winner –
Dr Vijay Ram**



Release of Souvenir



ISSP Oration – Dr Manjushri Ray



Past & Present - ISSP Office bearers



ISSP INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The international neuropathic pain updates 2015 India Habitat Centre at New Delhi Jointly organized by IASP, ISSP, IAPC & AIIMS, New Delhi

The meeting held for the discussing the national pain policy at the DGHS office on 2nd of November 2015 was a huge success. The members of the meeting included the esteemed president of International Association for Study of Pain (IASP), Dr. Rolf Detlef Treede (Germany), Secretary of IASP Dr. Srinivasa Raja (USA) & Mr Mathews. The representatives from India led by Dr Sushma Bhatnagar included Dr Ashok Kumar Saxena, Dr Gautam Das and Dr Shiv Pratap Singh Rana.

Dr (Prof) Treede delivered a presentation on behalf of IASP, which was a global initiative for study of pain. He emphasized that India is the sixth largest representative of IASP. He also highlighted the growing global importance of pain as the “Fifth Vital Sign”.

A valid argument raised by the honorable DG (Director General Health Sciences) addressed the issue of pain being associated with a particular pathology or disease, Myocardial infarction and appendicitis cited as examples.

He argued that pain can be taken care of by specialist physicians designated for those particular diseases, with which the pain is associated. To that, Dr Saxena presented an appropriate and a valid argument that pain may also be associated with functional derangements not amenable to curative management, phantom limb pain being one of the main examples.

These conditions can only be prevented and managed with the help and expertise of pain management physicians. Dr. Treede briefly presented a comparative analysis highlighting differences and similarities between acute pain, chronic pain and cancer pain. It was conclusively summarised that there are conditions like chronic diseases and cancers, wherein pain syndromes are major areas requiring attention apart from disease itself, more so because medical science might not provide for the cure of the disease per se.

In addition, Dr. Bhatnagar emphasised that along with allied branches of medicine like ayurveda and other sciences, there is a role of meditation in pain control. Dr Prof Treede expressed that there is some evidence regarding its role in pain management. Dr. Rana highlighted the importance of education about pain and talked about inclusion of pain as a specialty in medical curriculum. Other members agreed to his suggestion requesting for including the relevant academic aspects of pain in undergraduate and post-graduate curriculum for students of medical science.

Director general health services concluded that importance of pain management facilities is emerging and that their role in palliative medicine should not be ignored.

The international neuropathic pain update 2015 organised under the leadership of the organising secretaries Dr Sushma Bhatnagar and Dr A K Saxena was held at the India habitat centre at New Delhi on 7th of November 2015 and was a great success. The pain update was attended by about a hundred delegates from all over the world, from all spheres of anaesthesiology, including pain practice and critical care. Excellent and informative scientific sessions were heralded by eminent speakers from among IASP council members. The scientific session began with an enlightening introductory talk by Dr (Prof) Rolf Treede.

Dr (Prof.) Ferero Cervero, Dr S Raja, Dr Ralf Baron, Dr Ian and Dr Claudia Sommer enlightened the audience on chronic neuropathic Pain. Dr Karen Davis presented a talk on Brain abnormalities in Trigeminal neuralgia. Dr Jeff Mogil's pioneer study finding on the physicians sex on pain perception in rats, intrigued one and all present in the house.

Dr Sushma Bhatnagar delivered an extensive talk about neuropathic pain in Cancer patients in India and the challenges faced by pain physicians in treating cancer associated neuropathic pain in the developing part of the world. Dr PN Jain specifically spoke about chemotherapy induced neuropathic pain. Dr Michael Nicholas ended the session with his presentation on chronic pain following trauma. .

ISSP STATE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

ISSP Andhra Pradesh Branch

Amalapuram

Pain management workshop for undergraduates

The Andhra Pradesh state medical undergraduates conference – ELIXIR was held at Konaseema Institute of Medical Sciences, Amalapuram in October 2015. The event, which was well attended and spread over three days, had a half-day pain management workshop called Essential Pain Management. The workshop was fully subscribed in advance with one hundred and twenty participants. The workshop was inaugurated by the Managing Director of KIMS - Mr. Ravi Kiran Varma and was introduced by the Dean of KIMS - Dr. Kameswara Rao. Dr. SGK Murthy, Head of the Department of Anaesthesiology introduced the faculty of Drs. Sreenivasa Rao, Sudheer Dara, Nandakishore, Ashok Yanamadla, Umamaheshwara Rao and Palanisamy Vijayanand to the participants. The workshop, which involved interactive lectures, brainstorming sessions and group discussions, was well received by the participants with an overwhelmingly positive feedback. We hope that this would be an annual event to reach out and educate the junior members of our profession.



Kakinada

Cadaveric Workshop

Update on Chronic Pain Management – a CME and workshop organised by the Department of Anaesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine, Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada was held in March 2016. Supported by the ISA City Branch, Kakinada, the event had as its Chief Patrons Drs. SSC Chakra Rao, Kameswara Rao and BB Mishra. It was organised with perfection by Dr. Sowbhagya Lakshmi, Professor and Head, Department of Anaesthesiology, and Dr. Krishna Prasad, Associate Professor in Anaesthesiology and President of ISA City Branch, Kakinada. Fifty delegates participated in the cadaver workshop involving fluoroscopy and ultrasound guided injections. The faculty included Drs. Muralidhar Joshi, Kameswara Rao, Sudheer Dara, Palanisamy Vijayanand, Raghavendra Ramanjulu, Amarnath Reddy, Apurv Mahalle, Senthilkumar Raju and Madhur Chadha. The event received an excellent feedback from the delegates who had travelled from across various parts of Andhra Pradesh.



ISSP Karnataka Branch

Dear all,

The following is the brief summary of yesterday's meeting.

1. Two interesting cases (Trigeminal neuralgia, spinal cord neurolysis) were presented by Dr Raghavendra. It resulted in a good discussion amongst the audience.
2. Dr Murali and Dr Rajesh presented the chapter's activities in last three years and the financial summary.
3. The new office bearers of the ISSP, Karnataka chapter were elected. The motion was unanimously supported and seconded by all the members present.

The following is the new team:

President: Dr NS Chandrasekhar

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Dr Ananth Rao (Mangalore)

Dr Ashok (KIMS, Bangalore)

Dr Nazeer Ahmed Kudligi (Bijapur)

The EC meeting will be held in January (date to be finalised) and the programme calendar for the year 2016-17 will be planned.

ISSP Telangana Branch

With great pleasure we announce the formation of new state branch of ISSP, i.e. Telangana Society for study of Pain under the umbrella of ISSP. The new state branch has been approved in AGBM of 2016 with great enthusiasm. As our two Telugu states (divided recently) and the undivided societies have been working on a positive note for last more than a decade, we are putting forward all the efforts initially to increase our membership in the association. we have formed a team of enthusiastic experts in the pain medicine who are really interested in taking this association to the heights. Please find the attached document of the office bearers for SSP (Society for Study of Pain as per constitutional requirement) TELANGANA.

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ISSP West Bengal Branch

The Indian Society for Study of Pain West Bengal Branch conducted awareness program for the neuropathic pain across the rural areas. This was in addition to the regular CME and workshops at the secretariat and Kolkata. The rural efforts were an astounding success. More than 150 general physicians and also several members of the ISSP participated in these programs.

The State Chapter also organised a live workshop on interventional pain in association with the Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists during their State conference on 14th November 2015. More than 30 young physicians participated with the interactive sessions with the eminent faculties in pain management.

This 2016, being the “Global Year against pain in the joints” as declared by the IASP, the West Bengal state Chapter has taken the initiative to spread awareness on this. This theme along with other topics was discussed amongst many young pain physicians as well as the general physicians involving experts from different disciplines.

A CME was conducted at the ESI Institute of Pain Management (Secretariat) on 18th and 19th March 2016 on : Pain in the Joints. Dr Ramapati Sanyal & Dr Debanjali Ray were Co-ordinators. The State Chapter organised this two-day program with the Administrators in the Government, members of our chapter and also from other disciplines as well. The State chapter was encouraged when our National President Dr B B Mishra attended the inaugural session. He was felicitated by the senior administrators from the Government of West Bengal for his able leadership to develop this Discipline across the country. Superintendents from three City based Hospitals, Prof S M Basu (currently President of ISSP-WB), Prof A Rudra (Past President ISSP), Prof Manjusree Ray (Past president ISSP), Prof D Bhattacharjee (President of ISAWB), Dr D Chatterjee and Dr S R Dasgupta (Eminent Orthopedic Specialist), Prof Rita Pal & other senior teachers, Post graduate Students in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine also attended to make this session memorable. Everybody realised to manage the joint pain with a multidisciplinary approach only, when general physicians, pain physicians, orthopaedicians, rheumatologists, physiatrists and psychiatrists should work together. The local newspaper covered this program including the valuable message from the President of ISSP. The state chapter also published a book with the fact sheets of the IASP on Pain in the joints for free distribution among its state members in presence of the senior members of ISSP in this State. Keeping in mind multidisciplinary involvement, we thought of discussing clinical scenarios as panel discussion involving emergency care physicians and critical care specialists at the Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals on 26.04.2016 when discussion dealt with vexing problems and tried to arrive at consensus as to what needs to be done with pain management. Dr Saikat Sengupta, Joint Secretary of the State Chapter was the chief coordinator of the session. The need for increasing awareness as to the need of pain control was harped upon. Everybody agreed that we have a responsibility to increase the spectrum of physicians who can handle such issues and ensure patients remain pain free most often. About 23 members were present during this session. The members of this branch are taking active interests in developing this discipline of pain medicine by organising activities regularly.

Inauguration of ISSP WB CME



Release of IASP Fact Sheets about Pain in Joints



ISSP CITY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chandigarh City Branch Activities

The Chandigarh City Branch of ISSP organized an academic activity in Lecture theatre 1, PGIMER, Chandigarh, on 9th April 2016 (Saturday) for two and half hour. It focused on variety of topics of pain assessment and management. 70 delegates across the tricity (Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali) and Ambala attended this activity. Other than PGIMER, Chandigarh there was very active participation from Government Medical College (Chandigarh), Command Hospital (Panchkula) and from private and corporate sector such as Alchemist Hospital, Fortis Hospital etc. Each talk led to brain scratching discussion especially labor analgesia and panel discussion. There was an active participation from acute pain nurses and principal National Institute of Nursing Education as well. The need of protocol-based management was emphasized based on the availability of resources.

Lamp Lighting at Chandigarh City ISSP Branch CME



Panel Discussion during Chandigarh City ISSP CME



Nagpur City Branch Activities

Indian Society for Study of Pain, Nagpur in association with RST Regional Cancer Hospital and Research Centre had organised CME on Cancer Pain Management at RST Cancer Hospital.. Dr. Pankaj Chowdhary Director and Dr. B .K.Sharma, joint director of RST hospital were the Chief Guests for the Inaugural function of the CME. President of Indian Society of Pain, Nagpur Dr. Anjali Kolhe gave welcome speech. **The speakers of CME were** Dr. Anjali Kolhe, Consultant Anaesthesiologist and Pain Consultant of RST Cancer Hospital and Pain Consultant at Getwell Hospital, Dr. Prashant Dhoke, Onco radiologist of RST Cancer Hospital and Dr. Umesh Ramtani, Assitant Professor of Anaesthesiology, IGCMC Nagpur . Dr Anjali Kolhe spoke on role of interventions in cancer pain management.

She presented few interesting cases of lower limb due to cancer pain. She highlighted on the various modalities and interventions practiced in cases of intractable cancer pain

Dr. Prashant Dhoke spoke on Role of radiotherapy in cancer pain and Dr. Umesh Ramtani spoke on Buprenorphine Epidermal Patch.

The Chairpersons for the lecturers were Dr. Naresh Tirpude, Dr. Avinash Pophali, Dr. Mahesh Kriplani, Dr. Anand Dongre, Dr. Surekha Pophali and Dr. Bhau Rajurkar. Dr. Sunita Lawange, Secretary ISSP, Nagpur proposed the vote of thanks.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Hemlata Shirke. She highlighted on the various modalities and interventions practiced in cases of intractable cancer pain. There was good interaction and participation from the audience and everyone appreciated the efforts taken jointly by the both organisations. The CME was attended by a large number of doctors from different specialities.

The Combo Team of Nagpur



Inauguration of ISSP CME



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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Jaipur- The Pink City.

On behalf of the organizing committee, it gives us immense pleasure to welcome you all to the **32nd Annual National Conference of Indian Society for the Study of Pain (ISSPCON)** at Jaipur from **3rd to 5th February 2017**.

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The scientific programme will include lectures, panel discussion, plenary sessions and workshops. The academic flair and intellectual inputs will be of the highest order to provide a unique opportunity to interact and share knowledge on timely research and identify solutions to the existing challenges.

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We believe that the combination of education, science, research, networking and socializing will make ISSPCON 2017 another memorable event. We look forward to meet you at Jaipur.



Dr. Rajesh Sharma
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