

**Minutes of the AGBM of Indian Society for the Study of
Pain (ISSP) held at Jaipur on 04th February 2017
(Minutes Prepared by Dr P Vijayanand)**

The Hon.Secretary of ISSP welcomed the Life members of ISSP for the 32nd Annual General Body Meeting and requested the non-life members to leave the hall.

He requested ISSP President Dr BB Mishra to give opening remarks

President's Opening Remarks;

When I took over as President at Indore, in the valedictory ceremony, I announced the formation of the ad hoc committee for the Indian Academy of Pain Medicine with Dr. RP Gehdoo as Chairperson and Drs. Pradeep Jain and P Vijayanand as Co-Chairpersons.

The committee has worked to prepare the required documents, conducted the entrance exam and six candidates have now joined as trainees of IAPM (Indian Academy of Pain Medicine). Henceforth the IASP-ISSP Observership will be for one month & Fellowship for 12 months.

I thank them, as well the ISSP members and the city and state branches for celebrating the World Pain Awareness Day on the 9th of July 2016 in a grand scale across India.

This year, we should work towards establishing Special Interest Groups (SIG) that could formulate guidelines and protocols. This is essential to avoid legal tangles. In addition, such documents should be uploaded in our website. There have been proposals for Interventional Pain SIG, Cancer Pain SIG, Neuropathic Pain SIG and a Documentation SIG.

I wish to thank my very co-operative and hard working secretary Dr. Muralidhar Joshi. I hope more things happen under the incoming President Dr. Geeta Joshi

AGBM - 01/17 Obituaries

Dr. Velayat Nabi Buchh B-152

Dr. Sujit Chatterjee

Condolences to the family, 2-minute silence was observed in respect to the departed souls. Hon. Secretary informed that he will send Condolences from ISSPHQ and delete their name from database.

AGBM - 02/17 Confirmation of the minutes of the AGBM held at Indore on 06/02/2016 (Annexure 1)

The minutes were posted on ISSP Website on 21st March 2016 & circulated amongst members through newsletter on 30th June 2016. Hon. Secretary requested any suggestions & modifications for the AGBM, if not minutes can be passed.

The minutes were passed.

Proposed: Dr. DK Baheti

Seconded Dr. Sukhdev Nayak

AGBM - 03/17 Action taken on various decisions of the AGBM meeting held on 06/02/2016

1. All the applications which came for ID card have been cleared, no pending ID card applications – Implemented (ID card will be mandatory for ISSPCON 2018 & requested members to send applications for ID card, if required)
2. IT returns for the financial year 2013-14 & 2014-15 have been filed and we got refund also – Implemented
3. Filing of IT Returns for financial year 2015-16 – Submitted, as confirmed by Past Secretary Dr Ashok Saxena
4. Submission of AGBM Minutes & IT returns/audited accounts to Registrar – Implemented
5. Renewal of ISSP Registration has been done till 2021 – Implemented
6. IAPM Formation as suggested by AGBM & President – Implemented
7. Pain centres to be accredited by IAPM/ISSP – Ongoing Process
8. ISSP 2016 Constitution – Implemented
9. Reimbursement of Dr Madhuri Lokapur's expenses as approved by GC/AGBM – Implemented
10. Formation of Telangana branch & Ahmedabad Branch – Implemented
11. Kerala & Odisha Branches, details have been sent – Implemented
12. Guidelines / Consensus statement. In collaboration with other specialities – Implemented
13. ISSP Formation Day – Implemented
14. ISSP Office Relocation – Not Implemented – We need to asses the financial implications of same.
15. Legal Advisor Mr Sri Ramachandra Murthy – Implemented
16. Auditor Mr Surya Chandra Reddy – Implemented
17. IAPM Fellowship Programme Pilot Project - Implemented
18. Audited report from ISSPCON 2016 team submitted & they have submitted a cheque for Rs 50,000 as conference profit share. We thank Team ISSPCON 2016 for same – Implemented

AGBM – 11/17 Elections 2017

ISSP - The Hon. Secretary Dr M Joshi announced that all applications for President Elect, Vice President & GC Members were in order. Since there was only one application for President Elect Dr Gautam Das & only one application for Vice President Dr Subrata Goswami; both were unanimously elected.

President-Elect – Dr. Gautam Das
Vice President – Dr. Subrata Goswami

GC Members - There were six eligible candidates for the governing council of which three have withdrawn (Dr Debjyoti Dutta, Dr Nazeer Ahmed Kudligi, Dr Naveen Malhotra). The following members were unanimously elected.

GC Members – Dr. Kritika Doshi, Dr. Raghu S Thota and Dr. Palak B Mehta

IAPM - The Hon. Secretary Dr M Joshi announced that all applications for Dean, Registrar & GC Members were in order. Since there was only one application for Dean Dr Bibhukalyani Das & only one application for Registrar Dr Pradeep Jain; both were unanimously elected.

Dean – Dr. Bibhukalyani Das
Registrar – Dr. Pradeep Jain

GC Members – There were only two applications each for GC members for 4 year & 3-year tenure; they were elected unanimously. For two-year term, there were three applications; Dr Dipasri Bhattacharya withdrew her nomination from this category. Hence only two were left and they were elected unopposed.

4-year tenure – Dr. Krishna Poddar & Dr. Pratibha Matche

3-year tenure – Dr. Madhur Chadha & Dr. Vivek Chakole

2-year tenure – Dr. Preeti Doshi & Dr. Sunita Lawange

They are all elected unopposed

AGENDA FOR INFORMATION

AGBM – 04/17 ISSP SECRETARIAT

Secretary's Annual Report

Good evening everyone.

We welcome you all to today's AGBM at Jaipur. Presiding officer of today's ISSP AGBM 2017; President Dr BB Mishra, Vice President Dr Preeti Doshi, President Elect Dr Geeta Joshi, Joint Secretary Dr Babita Ghai, Treasurer Dr Vijayanand, Editor Dr Kailash Kothari & Other Governing Council Members, Past Presidents of ISSP, other dignitaries off the dais, members of ISSP and my dear friends.

Greetings from ISSP Secretariat! It gives us immense pleasure to share with you the Secretary's report of Indian Society for Study of Pain for the year 2016-17 during AGBM of 2017.

The year 2016-17 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 2016. We all had a great scientific feast at ISSPCON 2016 at Indore. We thank and congratulate Dr KK Arora (Organising Chairman), Dr Pravesh Kanthed (Organising Secretary), Dr Jawed Khan (Scientific Committee Chairman) and their enterprising team. They require big applause for their team's performance.

In February 2016, the President of ISSP Dr BB Mishra had formed a three-member adhoc committee to consider the implementation of Indian Academy of Pain Medicine (IAPM) guidelines. The pilot project in this regard was started at Hyderabad. The things are in place. As decided, the adhoc committee tenure ended yesterday after receiving consolidated report of one year. Following this it is immediately dissolved to pave way for new team of IAPM. We congratulate the team for preparing the curriculum, developing criteria for centre accreditation, entry exam pattern, question bank, counselling and effective implementation of programme. We thank Dr RP Gehdoo (Chairman), Dr Pradeep Jain (Co-chairman) & Dr P Vijayanand (Co-chairman) for doing a great job in this regard. Here onwards the elected body of IAPM will take over as per approved plan by AGBM.

We had received a proposal in March 2016 from IASP regarding Pain Camps to be held in 2017 in association with ISSP. The programme titled as "IASP-ISSP Multidisciplinary Evidence Based Pain Management Programme". This is a five month programme being held at Delhi & Mumbai from March 2017 to July 2017. The delegates can be Anaesthesiologists, Internal Medicine, Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, Oncology, Orthopaedics, Psychiatry, Psychology or Rehabilitation Medicine. It has been a great year for ISSP in establishing good communication and jointly undertaking many tasks. We thank our members for same.

This was closely followed by initiation of working on the ISSP project of preparing a set of guidelines in association with other specialties like Orthopedics, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Dieticians, Rehabilitation. It's in final stages of implementation, will be published in Indian Journal of Pain after approval from our Chief Editor Dr Kailash Kothari. As one-time honorarium ISSP has received Rs 3,50,000 as educational grant. The "Mobility Clinics" with guidelines recommended by ISSP are being implemented phase wise across country from December 2016.

We congratulate Dr Sushma Bhatnagar for being elected to represent Asia at IASP as Governing Council Member from 2016 to 2022.

We have good news to share with you regarding WFSA Pain Relief Committee. WFSA has selected our Hon. Secretary Dr Muralidhar Joshi to be part of the committee in view of his contribution to EPM Programme & he will represent Asia for 4 years from 2016. We congratulate him and TPS team.

Come July, our President kick started a worldwide programme of 'World Pain Awareness Day' to mark the ISSP Formation Day on July 9th in 1984. It was mind

boggling event with so many city & state chapters chipping in with innovative programme. Let's work towards making it an annual event and spread the knowledge and wisdom.

We thank our President for giving us green signal in forming Special Interest Group in various categories like Interventional Pain Management, Cancer Pain, Neuropathic Pain, Cancer Pain & Documentation & others as required. The details regarding members, scope of each SIG and other things will be communicated to all ISSP members.

We congratulate our dynamic Chief Editor of Indian Journal of Pain for restarting the print version of Indian Journal of Pain, not only that we will be getting royalty for same.

We have one more fabulous information from IAPM Committee, we request one of adhoc committee member Dr P Vijayanand to share the same information.

Secretariat

The ISSP secretariat has been working tirelessly for last 2 years after taking charge of the responsibility. The agenda in our mind is to revamp the database of ISSP members and ISSP website. You will be happy to know that we achieved a great amount of success in this regard. More than 45% of ISSP member's 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.

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.

The ISSPCON 2018 is scheduled at New Delhi. Don't miss a chance, hurry up and register today for early bird registration!

IT returns for financial years 2013-14 & 2014-15 have been filed; there were some queries about TDS/TCS, which have been replied by our Tax consultants at Delhi. We have also submitted for IT returns of financial year 2015-16. We received refund for the IT returns of those two years. We thank our past secretariat for assisting us in this regard.

We have LIC mutual bond fund of Rs 52,000 purchased on 16/02/2000, it's current net worth value is Rs 72,727.78. At present, it is under Unclaimed Redemption & Dividend for quite long time. We do not have original papers. It's better to encash the policy to avoid future difficulties. We had a series of discussions with LIC officials, they expressed that a letter from secretariat with signatures of president, secretary & treasurer in this regard will help in encashing the left-over amount to current account of ISSP (Syndicate Bank). We have submitted required documents.

At present, we have FD's close to 66 lakhs at Syndicate Bank, Hyderabad. All FD's from Ahmedabad have been transferred to Hyderabad. We request AGBM to authorize the secretariat to take these amounts into account of Syndicate Bank & henceforth the ISSP secretariat account should be transferred in total to next team of secretariat. The next team should not open new account keeping past account dormant. This will avoid future problems.

We also would like to share that there has been a growth of 30% in our assets in last one year. We appreciate efforts of our committed treasurer Dr P Vijayanand.

Future

The IASP has declared Year 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.

As promised, we have started online registration of new members in the form of Net Banking. Please get your ISSP ID card, as it will be mandatory during ISSPCON 2018. We request members to update their details online through ISSP website, with their registered email ID, for any problem please contact issphq@gmail.com.

Conclusion

Before we conclude, ISSP Secretariat would like to thank all of you for trusting our ability & commitment. 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.

We are happy to inform you that all active State/City branches have been provided with ISSP flag & President's collar to maintain uniformity across the country. We will be adjusting expenses involved to be provided as grant in aid for concerned State/City branches.

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.

We are 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

AGBM – 05/17 ISSP New Members & Chapters

The Hon. Secretary expressed that a total of 138 members have joined as new Life members. Another 74 members who had paid money to ISSP earlier and had valid receipts or documents were given new membership number. He requested AGBM to give approval for induction of new members into ISSP fold. AGBM accepted all new members.

No new chapters have been formed, but some chapters got activated, we are constantly in touch with them.

Hon. Secretary again requested all members who do not have ID cards to apply for same as it will be mandatory during elections during ISSPCON 2018. This intimation will also be displayed on the website.

AGBM members appreciated the efforts.

AGBM – 06/17 IASP

The secretary explained the process by which the project has taken shape in India.

Congratulations to Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar on being elected to the IASP council, where she will represent Asia.

Dr. PN Jain informed that he proposed the IASP-ISSP multidisciplinary education program at Pattaya, when he was the President of ISSP. In Thailand, the attendees were paid a stipend/ were supported financially by the IASP to attend the program. In India, the IASP is charging \$300 as a fee. There should be something done about it. Hon. Secretary expressed that he will discuss with IASP.

AGBM – 10/17 ISSPCON 2018

Dr. Pradeep Jain presented the report on the forthcoming ISSPCON 2018 at Delhi & invited all members to the event. Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar will be the Scientific Committee chairperson.

AGENDA FOR CONFIRMATION

AGBM – 07/17 Treasurer Report

Dr P Vijayanand presented the treasurer report.

Components

Unaudited account from April 1st 2016 - January 26th 2017 (F.Y: 2016-17)

Activities During ISSPCON 2017

Budget proposal

Suggestions

Introduction to Accounts

Unaudited accounts from April 1st 2016 to January 26th 2017

One Current account

Syndicate Bank, Basheer Bagh Branch, Hyderabad

Syndicate Bank, (01.04.2016)

Opening Balance – Rs 6,57,556.65/-

FD – 66 lakhs/-

LIC Mutual Fund – Rs 72,000/ (in the process of being moved)

Closing Balance - Rs. 5,39,851.00/-

Deposits

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| Membership fee | -Rs. 6,24,070/- |
| Educational Grant | - Rs 3,50,000/- |
| FD's transfer | -Rs. 40,55,959/- |
| IAPM Exam Fee | - Rs. 30,000 |
| IAPM Course Fee | - Rs. 1,25,000 |
| ISSP logo | - Rs 20,000 |
| Credit Interest | -Rs. 26,211.35/- |
| IT refund (AY 2014-15) | - Rs 27,150/- |
| IT refund (AY 2015-16) | - Rs. 31,770/- |

Expenditures

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FD (1) Syndicate Bank | - Rs 2,50,000 (7.0%) 06/06/19 |
| FD (2) Syndicate Bank | - Rs 3,50,000 (7.0%) 06/06/19 |
| FD (3) Syndicate Bank | - Rs 45,00,000 (7.0%) 18/11/19 |
| ISSPCON 2017 Seed Money | - Rs 1,00,000 |
| GC Travel Expenses | - Rs 60,650/- |
| Website Expenses | - Rs 40,000 |
| Flags | - Rs 56,025/- |
| Salaries | - Rs 23,000/- |
| Office Expenses | - Rs 19,133/- |

Total outflow till 26th January 2017

Rs 2,98,808 (FD's 51,00,000)

Expected expenses

ISSP Registration Renewal expenses

Branch Shares

President's Medal

Audit & Accounting Fee

ISSPCON expenses

Office Expenses

Activities during ISSPCON 2017

City & Metro Branch Shares

Awards for Competitions
Miscellaneous

Proposed Budget for the year 2017-2018

Expenditure and Income Statement

Payments (Rs. 7,60,000/)

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| Office Expenses (Rent, Salaries, Stationaries, Internet, Courier, SMS, Travel) | - Rs 2,00,000 |
| GC Travel | - Rs 60,000 |
| Website Maintenance | - Rs 50,000 |
| Audit Fee | - Rs 15,000 |
| 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 30,000 |
| IAPM Expenses | - Rs 1,25,000 |
| Branch Shares | - Rs 75,000 |

Receipts (Rs. 8,91,500/)

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| Interest on FD's | - 4,69,500 |
| Branch Fee | - 2,000 |
| ISSPCON Contribution | - 1,00,000 |
| Miscellaneous | - 20,000 |
| Return of Seed Money | - 1,00,000 |
| IAPM Fees | - 2,00,000 |

Computing

Expenditure - 7,60,000

Income - 8,91,500

Excess of Income over Expenditure - 1,31,500

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

More clarity as financial year unfolds

Proposals

Fellowship Programmes

Indian Academy of Pain Medicine

Articles on Pain

Need to watch Bank Interest Rates

He also clarified that the income from IJP has not been included as the first cheque has not been received. The contribution from ISSPCON 2016 also has not been included at the time of preparing this report.

The treasurer announced the decision of the Governing Council to initiate an Annual Press Award for the best report on pain by a journalist in print or electronic media in English. The Governing Council decision was approved and passed

Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar proposed an award for the best scientific paper published in Indian Journal of Pain.

Proposed – Dr. DK Baheti, Dr PN Jain
Seconded- Dr. LD Mishra, Dr Pradeep Jain

The treasurer report was passed

AGBM – 08/17 Editor’s Report

I thank all the members who have elected me as an editor of Indian Journal of Pain at Indore during ISSPCON 2016. It was very happy moment for me as well as a big responsibility was bestowed upon me.

The first thing I wanted to do was to make Indian journal of Pain a profitable entity for the society. The next thing is to make the journal available to each member in its print form without putting financial burden on the society. This was very difficult task as our society has very limited resources.

Immediately after coming back to Mumbai, I received the news from our publishers (Medknow) that the present sponsor informed that they are stopping their support towards journal. This made the situation worse. I started exploring various options. I spoke to few companies and they showed their willingness to come forward and work with us. After taking into various factors into consideration, myself with our dynamic past president Dr. R.P. Gehdoo met Mr. Jagroop singh (VP), Mr. Pramod from Intas Pharmaceuticals, Aquilla division in the end of the February. After a brief meeting, we were given positive nod by them. They promised us to support in printing the IJP and distribution of the journal to all our members. We were also promised that the support would be for the minimum period of 3 years. The rate was negotiated and finalized at INR185 per copy. This amounts to approximately INR 370000 per issue. As per our new agreement, after deducting printing and other expenses the balance profit will be shared between ISSP and Medknow in the ratio of 70:30 respectively (Increased revenue – in the past we did agreed for 50:50 sharing).

We also received the pending bills from the Medknow publishers for approximately INR 1,14,000 (pending since 2014), which we agreed pay to medknow.

In the nutshell over next 3 years we expect society to get royalty from the journal in the excess of INR 10,00,000 + (Rs. Ten Lacs +) after deducting all the expenses, which will be huge boost for our financial situation. This amount can be used for various activities of the ISSP in future.

The Indian journal of pain print copy is published regularly in the year 2016. We had a very good 2016 with 3 issues published on time.

I take this opportunity to thank Intas (Aquila division) Pharma to make sure that each member gets his copy delivered at home. I also thank Medknow publication to support our journal by their state of art online facilities. I have tried to correct / update the addresses of the members before each issue being dispatched. In this regard, the editor's office has received amazing support from our secretary Dr Muralidhar Joshi. The co-ordination and sharing of various matters of importance between two offices is also very efficient.

As far as the journal performance is concerned, we did receive total of 72 articles, out of which 43% were accepted. The rejection of more than 50% is quite good sign for our journal. The journal had a good mix of various subjects covering different aspects of pain management. I would request all my fellow ISSP members to contribute to the journal.

Recently we have submitted our journals application for SCOPUS indexing. The Scopus team takes a minimum period of 6 months for reviewing an application. We are hopeful for the successful indexing on Scopus.

This is just a beginning and I hope we will make IJP as one of the top pain journal in the future. I invite everyone to contribute in achieving this goal.

Proposed – Dr. Subrata Goswami

Seconded – Dr. Babita Ghai

AGBM – 09/17 IAPM Committee Report

Dr. Vijayanand presented the IAPM committee report

The Indian Academy of Pain Medicine (IAPM) committee was formed, at the behest of the President of Indian Society for Study of Pain (ISSP), in Indore at the 2016 national conference of the Indian Society for Study of Pain. The committee is pleased to present a consolidated account of its work done during 2016-17 for the benefit of the Governing Council of ISSP and its members.

- a) The IAPM logo (detailing it as an academy of the ISSP) was developed in March 2016
- b) Developing accreditation criteria. This task was completed and was made available to the GC members following an interactive process in April 2016
- c) Curriculum development. This task was completed in May 2016 and was made available to the GC members soon after

- d) A pilot project of 'Fellowship in Pain Management' was started at Hyderabad in July 2016
- e) A standardised application form for the interested centres to apply for IAPM accreditation was developed and is now in public domain
- f) A standardised, objective assessment form for the IAPM assessors was developed thereafter and is available with the committee
- g) The entry criteria for the IAPM trainees was formulated based on the IAPM document approved by the AGBM at Indore
- h) The exam application form for the IAPM entrance exam was developed and was made available for download in October 2016
- i) The exam application form guidance notes was developed and made available for download in October 2016
- j) The accreditation of centres that have applied in time were completed in November 2016 (nine accredited for the fellowship and two for the observership)
- k) A multiple-choice question bank that was steadily developed over the year 2016 was used in the entrance exams for IAPM
- l) The national entrance exam for the IAPM was held at Hyderabad in December 2016
- m) The counseling of the candidates to guide them in their choice of centres was held in December 2016
- n) The successful candidates were expected to report to their respective program heads by end of January 2017
- o) All successful candidates (six) have joined the training towards the IAPM fellowship in January 2017

We thank the President for his faith reposed in us to complete the task. We have worked to our best to complete the tasks from ground zero to see it to fruition. There is still much more to be done. We hope our efforts, in the time allotted, are to the satisfaction of our membership. We hope that this academic effort will grow from strength to strength, and IAPM's would be the model to emulate for other learned societies. We, in addition, hope that the

future trainees would proceed to lift our pain sufferers out of helplessness and despair, and be of service to India. We would like to thank once again the President, the Governing Council of ISSP and our membership for giving us the opportunity to serve ISSP.

Long live ISSP! Long live IAPM!

The Governing Council has decided the training period towards fellowship of IAPM will be 12 months due to the logistics involved, rather than the 18 months

Dr.Gautam Das wanted to clarify whether the decision was applicable to the current trainees as well. It was clarified that the implementation will be immediate.

Dr. Bathina was of the opinion that the training period should be longer than shorter.

The new fellows were introduced to AGBM in the presence of Dean of IAPM Dr Bhibhu Kalyani Das and other dignitaries on the dias.

Dr. Harshe appreciated the efforts of IAPM, and was of the opinion that it was the step in the right direction

Dr. Jitendra Jain wanted to know if the candidates in training with other programs such as the MUHS fellowship would be eligible to sit the final exam. It was clarified that it could be accommodated and further announcement regarding this will be made through the IAPM council

IAPM report proposed – Dr C.S.Cham

Seconded – Dr.L.D.Mishra

IAPM report was passed

AGBM – 10/17 ISSPCON 2019

The AGBM was informed that Bengaluru has applied to host the 34th ISSPCON in 2019, and the application was in order. The GBM unanimously approved the GC decision. Dr NS Chandrasekhara welcomed all ISSP members to ISSPCON 2019. He thanked everyone for giving an opportunity to host the event.

AGBM – 12/17 Awards – LTA, ISSP Oration, Observership

Karnataka ISSP supported lifetime achievement award for Dr. Athma Prasanna.

Proposed – Dr. Baheti

Seconded – Dr. Pratibha Matche

ISSP Oration to be done by Prof. Anil Agarwal

Proposed – Dr. J Ranganathan, Dr Gaurav Sharma

Seconded – Dr.L.D.Mishra

Hon. Secretary updated that there were 2 applications for the 4 weeks observership – Dr. Apala P Shah and Dr. Khatri Namita Nirmal. Both were accepted by the General Body.

Dr. Gautam Das wondered if the candidates who were unsuccessful in the IAPM entrance exams could be offered the opportunity as observers.

It was clarified that there were not enough candidates this year to fill up the existing posts. A decision in this regard will be considered.

ANY OTHER MATTER WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR

AGBM – 13/17 Others/ Miscellaneous

The list submitted by a group of ISSP members just before closure of GC meeting, to be introduced in GBM; The issues were as follows;

1. What should be the uniform name/nomenclature of the branch?
2. What should be the uniform designation for the practicing consultant?
3. Issuance of a uniform consent form for procedures
4. Adoption of scientific & rational nomenclature for different procedures
5. Formation of SIG's
6. Invitation of ISA nominated members

Discussion:

1. Hon. Secretary informed that uniform name of branch will be 'Society for Study of Pain of State/City Branch'. This was informed in GB last time itself.
- 2.. Dr. Sidharth Verma suggested that the pain specialists should have a uniform nomenclature. Such nomenclature would help identify the specialists easily. Once the nomenclature is approved the majority could then accept it. He suggested that it could be 'Algologist.'

Hon.Secretary suggested that other members in the GBM should discuss this. There are at least 28 specialties in ISSP, it may not be feasible to give single nomenclature. He suggested that he will discuss with other specialty people.

3. The special interest group that will be created should take up the nomenclature along with other issues such as uniform consent etc.
4. The designated SIG will address the proposed view.
5. SIG's have been formed – more details will be communicated to members.
6. ISA invitation - Dr. Sidharth Verma suggested that there should be more close connections with the ISA as Anaesthesiology is the mother branch from which most pain physicians come from. He suggested that ISSP should create special

oration for ISA office bearers, who could then be special invitees. Vice versa the ISA could invite ISSP for their meetings as speakers. Dr. Krithika Doshi suggested that ISSP should be more closely associated with ISA. For instance, ISSP conferences do not have much acute pain as part of the scientific proceedings.

The President informed that ISA already have KOPS award in pain and due importance is given to pain as it is. He wondered in what way such reciprocal efforts would be of use in promoting the specialty.

Dr. Krithika Doshi was of the opinion that more awareness about pain would be created within the ISA. Dr. Vandana Mangal observed that there are already workshops on ultrasound-guided regional anaesthesia run by the ISA members and there indeed was participation from ISA in pain-related issues. Dr. Jitendra Jain was of the opinion that pain can exist without anaesthesia, and to grow as a speciality it was better to be separate.

Dr.L.D.Mishra was of the opinion that it was better to be connected with the parent speciality, as acute pain management is a shared responsibility of anaesthesiologists and pain physicians in most places. Furthermore, MCI doesn't recognize pain or intensive care as a speciality. It is only anaesthesiology. He observed that such a discussion to have the specialities as different has not even been taken up by the MCI.

Dr. Harshe enquired about the status with IRDA and insurance companies for the pain procedures. It was clarified that the special interest group would come up with standardised nomenclature for procedures following which the insurance companies could be approached for uniform coding and billing.

The President suggested that such guidelines should have specific timelines such as 6 months or one year, so that things could start moving.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6.54 pm, after handing over President's collar to incoming President Dr Geeta Joshi. All GC members were called on the stage for photograph including new members of ISSP & IAPM.

Continued AGBM on 05/02/2017

Hon. Secretary welcomed all ISSP members for the continued AGBM 2017. He requested all members to sign in AGBM registrar if they have not signed previous day.

Following this, he requested newly elected President Dr Geeta Joshi to give her opening remarks.

President Dr Geeta Joshi thanked all ISSP members for having elected her to be President of ISSP. She acknowledged the contribution of outgoing President Dr BB Mishra. She congratulated the Team ISSPCON 2017 for a wonderful conference.

She expressed her vision for the year 2017-18;

1. Formation of Special Interest Group in following 4 categories along with the coordinators. The group activity will be moderated by President Elect Dr Gautam Das. The coordinators will invite like-minded members to be part of SIG's. Even other ISSP members can also share their inputs in this regard. The SIG and the coordinators are as follows;
 - a. Cancer Pain – Dr Raghu S Thota & Dr Dipashree Bhattacharya
 - b. Neuropathic Pain – Dr Pravesh Kanthed & Dr Jitendra Jain
 - c. Documentation – Dr Pankaj N Surange, Dr Rajeev Harshe & Dr Nazeer Ahmed K
 - d. Interventional Pain Management – Dr Babita Ghai, Dr Debjyoti Dutta & Dr Dara Sudheer
2. Collaboration with Palliative Care – For curriculum in Pain & Palliative Care for undergraduates
3. Collaboration between IAPC (Indian Association for Palliative Care & ISSP) – We should have one session relevant to other specialty in their respective national conference.
4. To initiate ISSP Accreditation for Pain Centres – We will establish minimum standards required to have a Pain Clinic in every medical college. We will discuss about this in coming months.
5. Close collaboration with IAPM in strengthening the IAPM initiatives

She requested cooperation from all GC members & other ISSP members and thanked one and all. Hon. Secretary expressed that the GC will carry out her vision in thought & spirit.

IAPM Dean Dr Bhibhu Kalyani Das was honored for being elected to the IAPM body.

Following this the Hon. Secretary announced the awards (certificate & cash award) for various competitions and training programmes and requested the President to do honours;

1. Annacharya Lokapur Foundation Awards;
 - a. Clinical Research – Dr DK Chetty
 - b. Research Basic Sciences – Dr Samrat Roy
2. Alok Saxena Awards for Neuropathic Pain;
 - a. Dr Divya Sharma
 - b. Dr Maya Vilas Kamalakar

3. IASP – ISSP Observership

1. Dr Asha K Barge
2. Dr Piyush Wani

The Hon. Secretary thanked Dr Madhuri Lokapur & Dr Ashok Saxena for instituting the awards.

It was announced again in the hall that AGBM will be concluded soon, members who have not signed earlier to sign the AGBM attendance.

President Dr Geeta Joshi declared that AGBM 2017 has concluded.