ISG NEWS

38th Annual Conference

This conference was held at Hyderabad November 6-9, 1997. Dr Bajrang Pratap and other members of the Organizing Committee worked hard to make this meeting a success, and I thank all of them. Besides eminent speakers from India, there were several guest speakers from abroad. A wide range of subjects was covered. All the lectures were of high quality, with relevance to our needs.

The Presidential address delivered by Professor S L Broor was followed by guest lectures and symposia. Six papers in the Young Investigator Award session and six in the Plenary Session were presented very well, followed by lively discussions.

The Parke-Davis Oration was delivered by Dr N M Gupta and Knoll Oration by Dr G Choudhuri. The Olympus Mitra Award for Endoscopy was given to Dr Rakesh Kochhar and the Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award to Dr K Prabhu. There was no applicant for the Knoll Oration; the General Body decided that nominations for this award may be accepted till March 31, 1998.

Election results

Dr M P Sharma and Dr B K Agrawal were elected as President and Vice-President, respectively. Dr G Choudhuri and Dr Kartar Singh were elected as members of the Governing Council. Our congratulations to all of them.

Mid-term meetings

The ISG provides a financial aid of Rs 10,000 each to two mid-term meetings every year. The 1998 meetings will be organized by Dr Deepak Lahoti in New Delhi and Dr P Raja Sambandam in Chennai. You will soon receive details from the organizers.

39th Annual Conference

This conference will be held in Pune October 23-November 1, 1998 with Dr Vinay Thorat as the Organizing Secretary. Members should soon be receiving an announcement. Meanwhile, I would like to inform that the last date for submission of Abstracts is July 15, 1998. Last year we had to send back several Abstracts because they reached late. Please ensure that they are on time this year, and that the instructions for preparation are strictly followed.

Awards

The following awards were announced for the year 1998-99:

Five complete sets of the nominations/applications, properly tagged, should reach the Secretariat before July 15, 1998. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The requirements for the awards are as follows:

Parke-Davis Oration (1999)

The applicant should have done research in any branch of Gastroenterology, as evidenced by at least 20 publications in recognized journals. The publications should be full reports with references; summaries in conference proceedings or abstracts of presentations are not acceptable. The work should have been done in India as far as possible. If a suitable awardee is not found, the award may be given to a person whose work has significance for Indian conditions. Five sets of the application submitted by the proposer should each include the biodata and reprints of the five best research papers of the applicant.

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Knoll Oration (1998 and 1999)

This oration is in the field of parasitology or nutrition as related to gastroenterology. The applicant should have done research in these areas as evidenced by at least 20 publications in the form of full reports with references; summaries in conference proceedings or abstracts of presentations are not acceptable. Five sets of the application submitted by the proposer should each include the biodata and reprints of the five best research papers of the applicant. Applications for the 1998 award will be accepted till March 31, 1998.

Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award (1998)

This award will be given during the 39th Annual Conference to a gastroenterologist member of the ISG who is below the age of 40 years. The award is based on the 10 best research papers published by the applicant. Five sets of the application should each include the biodata and reprints of the five best research papers of the applicant. The application may be submitted by the prospective awardee or by a proposer who should be a member of the society.

Olympus Mitra Endoscopy Award (1998)

This award, to promote continuing education in the field of endoscopy, is given to a senior member of the society skilled in endoscopy who will visit one or more centers to enhance knowledge in the field. The awardee will be selected based on experience in endoscopy (as judged from the biodata and publications) and the centers proposed by him. Five sets of the application submitted should each include the biodata and reprints of the research papers published in the field of endoscopy. The application may be submitted by the prospective awardee or by a proposer who should be a member of the society.

Membership dues

Ordinary members should send their annual dues to Dr Love Dalal, A-13 Silver Arch, Behind Town Hall, Ahmedabad 380 006. The revised fees are as follows:

Ordinary member: Rs 500
Life member: Rs 5000
SAARC member: Rs 7500

State Chapters

Kindly inform the Secretariat details of the activities and names of office bearers of State Chapters of the ISG.

Address and Membership Number

Kindly check these as printed on the envelope. Since we plan to update the list, please write to me about any changes. Please mention your membership number in all your correspondence.

With kind regards, and wishing you a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

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