40th Annual Conference
This conference was held at Calcutta November 17-20, 1999, Dr TNL Mazumdar and other members of the Organizing Committee worked hard to make this meeting a success. 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 Katar Singh 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 discussion.

The Parke-Davis Oration was delivered by Dr SK Sarin and Knoll Oration by Dr Kamala Krishnaswamy. The Olympus Mitra Award for Endoscopy was given to Dr YK Chawla and Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award to Dr Rakesh Aggarwal. The Parke-Davis Oration for 2000 was given to Dr P K Kar; Pfizer–Amir Chandra is a joint award given jointly to Departments of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, PGIMER, Chandigarh. There was no application for the Knoll Oration; the General Body decided that nominations for this award be accepted till March 31, 2000.

Election results
Dr P Advaitham was elected as President-elect; Dr YK Joshi and Dr Love Dalal were re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Dr YK Chawla and Dr AC Anand 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 2000 meetings will be organized by Dr SK Jain at New Delhi and Dr M Ibrahlimit at Tirupati. You will soon receive details from the organizers.

41st Annual Conference
This conference will be held in Delhi November 20-26, 2000 with Dr RK Tandon 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, 2000. Last year we had to send back several Abstracts because they reached late. Please ensure that the Abstracts are received by this time, and that the instructions for preparation are strictly followed.

Awards
As per the decision of the General Body, all Awards/Oration will be announced a year in advance from next year. So, this year nominations will be received for the years 2000 and 2001. Please mention in bold letters the year for which the nomination is being sent.

The following awards are announced for the years 2000 and 2001. Five complete sets of the nominations/applications, properly tagged, should reach the Secretariat before July 15, 2000. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The requirements are as follows:

Parke-Davis Oration (2001)
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 candidate 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.

Knoll Oration (2000 and 2001)
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 2000 award will be accepted till March 31, 2000.

Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award (2000 and 2001)
This award will be given 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 (2000 and 2001)
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 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.

Dr P N Chattani Oration (2000 and 2001)
Any member of the Society can send nominations. Nominations, along with 10 sets of the biodata, should reach the Secretariat by July 15, 2000. The nominee should have a distinguished academic career and should have made outstanding contributions in Gastroenterology or related fields. The awardee will be selected on the basis of the biodata. In case no nomination is received or no suitable awardee is found, the Scientific Committee along with a representative of the Trust will have the right to nominate any person who fulfills these criteria. The awardee will be provided airfare within India, and reimbursement for accommodation for three days during the Annual Conference.

Other Awards
- Young Investigator Award for best paper (age <40 years)
- Prof. N Madanagopal Award for best paper in Plenary Session
- Two awards for best posters
- For details, refer to the information brochure sent by the Organizing Secretary.

Membership dues
Ordinary members should send their annual dues to Dr Love
NEWS AND NOTICES

The Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology (UP Chapter) will be held in Bareilly February 19 and 20, 2000.

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The International Workshop on GI Surgical Oncology will be held in Tirupati March 3-5, 2000.

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The Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Study of the Liver will be held in Varanasi March 25 and 26, 2000.

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The Second World Conference on Digestology will be held in Beijing, China September 8-11, 2000.

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