ISG News

Minutes of General Body Meeting held at Cochin
November 22, 2002

The President welcomed the members and asked the Secretary to discuss the agenda of the meeting.

01. Minutes of the last General Body meeting held at Lucknow November 25, 2001 were approved.

02. Members were informed about the action taken on these minutes.

03. The auditor’s statement of accounts for the year 2001-2002 was approved.

04. The proposed budget for the year 2002-2003 was approved.

05. As was decided during the General Body meeting at Lucknow, from this year the audit statement has been prepared from April to March. In view of this, it was decided that the 2002-2003 audit statement will be prepared by the present secretariat and by the same auditor, i.e., Mrs Melhoria and Mohantra. Till that time the Society’s account will remain with the present secretariat and a certain amount will be provided to the newly elected Treasurer. Shifting of the bank account will be done after March 2003.

06. All the 43 valid nominations were approved as new Life Members of the Society.

07. The approved election results for the posts of President-Elect and Governing Council members were as follows:

President-Elect (unopposed) Dr Y K Joshi
Secretary (unopposed) Dr G Choudhuri
Treasurer (unopposed) Dr Shobha Bhatia
Governing Council Members
(2002-2005)
Dr V K Dixit
Dr U Ghoshal

08. All the ISG awards for the year were approved:

P N Chuttani Oration (2003) Dr R K Tandon
Parke-Davis Oration (2003) Dr M P Sharma
Olympus Mira Award (2003) Dr R K Dhiman
Abbott Oration (2003) Dr S K Sarin
Pfizer Amir Chand Trophy (2002-2004) G B Pant Hospital

Hoechst (Aventis) discontinued the Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award. A new sponsor has agreed to continue the award, which will now be known as Akkem Om Prakash Memorial Award; this year it was awarded to Dr Vineet Ahuja.

09. Jaipur was approved as the venue of the annual conference for 2004.

10. It was decided that the venue of the conference should be decided two years in advance. In view of this, though the majority agreed that Mumbai should be the venue of the conference for the year 2005, the final decision will be taken next year.

11. One mid-term conference to be hosted by the President at Mumbai and another single-theme conference hosted by Dr Abraham Kochy, Bangalore, were approved.

12. It was decided that establishment of a permanent secretariat and editorial office can be considered only after receiving some concrete proposals regarding space and funding.

Y K Joshi
Honorary Secretary, ISG

Annual Conference

The 43rd annual conference of the ISG was held at Cochin November 20-26, 2002. It was very well organized and well attended. The academic program was very interesting and educating.

The 44th Annual Conference will be held at Chennai in November, 2003. Dr. Palaniawamy, Organizing Secretary, will send members the details.

Mid-term meetings

The ISG provides a financial aid of Rs. 20,000 each for two mid-term meetings every year. As per the decision of the General Body one mid-term meeting in 2003 will be organized by the President, Dr. Philip Abraham, in Mumbai and another by Dr. Abraham Kochy, Bangalore.

Awards

Nominations for the various awards should be sent to the Secretariat by July 15, 2003. The details of the various awards are as follows:

ISG Parke-Davis Oration (2004)

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 preferably have been done in India. 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 bio-data and reprints of the five best research papers of the applicant.


This oration is in the field of parasitology/gastrointestinal infection 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 bio-data and reprints of the five best research papers of the applicant.

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**ISG Alkem Om Prakash Memorial Award (2004)**

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 bio-data 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.

**ISG Olympus Mitra Endoscopy Award (2004)**

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 bio-data and publications) and the centers proposed by him. Five sets of the application should each include the bio-data 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 (2004)**

Any member of the Society can send nominations. Nominations, along with 10 sets of the bio-data, should reach the Secretariat by July 15, 2003. 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 bio-data. 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.

**Membership Fee**

- Life members: Rs. 5000
- SAARC member: Rs. 7500
- Non Resident Indian (Life Membership): US$ 300

**Address and Membership Number**

If you are not aware about your membership number please write to the Secretariat and get your membership number. Please write to me about any change or addition in your address. Please mention your membership number in all your correspondence.

With kind regards
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**Obituary**

**Dr M K Parihara, 1950-2002**

Dr Parihara was born in Jodhpur, and obtained his MBBS and MD degrees from S N Medical College, Jodhpur. He went on to obtain his LLB before joining the Rajasthan State Government service in 1981. His first posting at the famous pilgrim spot Ramdeora made him very popular with the local villagers. From 1984, he served at the M G Hospital, Jodhpur. His final posting was as Jr. Specialist, Medicine at Mahila Bagh Hospital, Jodhpur, where he breathed his last while examining his beloved patients in the outdoor section.

Dr Parihara was a life member of several societies, including the Indian Society of Gastroenterology, Association of Physicians of India (API), and Cardiology Society of India. He was Hon Secretary of the Jodhpur chapter of the API, and its Vice Chairman at the time of his demise.

He was a soft-spoken, ever-smiling, hard worker devoted to his profession. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son. May his soul rest in peace.

Y K Joshi