ISG News

45th Annual Conference

The 45th annual conference of the Society will be held in Jaipur October 1-5, 2004. Dr Ramesh Roop Rai, Organizing Secretary, has sent the brochure containing details of the conference to all the members. The last date for submission of Abstracts is July 15, 2004. Abstracts received after midnight of July 15, 2004 will not be accepted. Abstracts should be submitted electronically at www.isg.org.in; click on the icon for Abstracts and follow the instructions.

The schedule of the conference will be as follows:
CME on October 1, followed by the ISG conference on October 2 and 3. The INASL and SGEI meetings will be held October 4, followed by the endoscopy workshop on October 5. A great scientific feast awaits you.

Mid-term meetings

Two successful mid-term conferences were organized, one in Guwahati February 28-29, 2004, by Dr R M Saikia, and the other in Delhi April 3, 2004 by Dr Y K Joshi. Both were of very high scientific standard and were well attended.

ISG provides financial aid of Rs 40,000 each for two mid-term meetings every year. Those who are willing to organize these meetings in 2005 should write to the Secretariat. The meetings should be held before July 2005.

Awards

Nominations for the various awards should be sent to the Secretariat by July 15, 2004. Details of the awards are as follows:

Pfizer Oration (2005)

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 include the curriculum vitae and reprints of the five best research papers of the applicant.

Knoll Oration (2005)

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.

Alkem Om Prakash Memorial Award (2005)

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 submitted by the proposer 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.

Olympus Mitra Endoscopy Award (2005)

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 five best 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 Chuttani Oration (2005)

Nominations are invited for this prestigious oration. Nominations along with 10 sets of the curriculum vitae, should reach the Secretariat by July 15, 2004. 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.

Dr S R Naik Memorial Award (2005)

This award will be given to an Indian scientist for the best published work in the field of diseases of the digestive tract and liver, and other sciences as related to these areas. Applicants are required to send their full bio-data, a list of publications in the calendar year for which the award is meant, and 5 photocopies of such publications, to the Hon. Secretary. The selection committee for the award will consist of two representatives of the ISG and one person from among the faculty of the Department of Gastroenterology at the SGPGI, Lucknow. The award carries a certificate and a cash of Rs 20,000.
Dr S R Naik Travel Fellowships (2005)

These fellowships are aimed at encouraging exchange of postgraduate students (DM/MCh/DNB) between different academic departments imparting training in gastroenterology, surgical gastroenterology and pediatric gastroenterology. These will be awarded to postgraduate students in the above fields to enable them to visit another academic department for training.

Applicants are required to send their bio-data, proof of being a bona fide student in the speciality (from the head of their department), name of the department and institution that they wish to visit, a letter from the head of the host department accepting her/him for training, and a certificate that s/he is not in receipt of any other financial support for this purpose.

The selection committee for the fellowship will consist of three persons (a) a representative of the ISG, (b) one person from among the faculty of the Departments of Gastroenterology or Surgical Gastroenterology at the SGPGI, Lucknow and (c) a person nominated by the Head, Department of Gastroenterology, SGPGI, Lucknow.

The fellowship will cover the cost of travel (AC chair car or AC-3-tier), and of lodging and boarding (an amount of Rs. 5,000 per month, reduced on a pro-rata basis if duration is shorter). The fellowship will be tenable for a maximum period of one month.

Other Awards
- Young Investigator Award for best paper (age below 40 years). Two prizes of Rs. 20,000 each will be given to the best papers in clinical and basic research.
- Award for best paper in Plenary Session. Two prizes of Rs 30,000 each will be given to the best papers in clinical and basic research.

Please send five sets of full papers for both these Awards.

Elections

This year elections will be held for the post of President and two Governing Council members. The Nomination Form for the elections is available on page 124 of this issue of the Journal.

Membership dues

The membership fees are as follows:
- Ordinary member (annual) Rs 500
- Life member Rs 5000
- SAARC member (life) Rs 7500
- Non resident Indian (life) US$ 300

Getting connected

Please rush me your details (name, designation, address and e-mail ID) by e-mail (to gc@sgpgi.ac.in), so that I may update the ISG address list and get in touch with you from time to time.

Please visit the ISG website at www.isg.org.in. I suggest you save it in your list of favorites and see it from time to time. The latest OMGE news, notices of international fellowships, upcoming conferences, etc will be readily available. Also, you may download the forms for ISG membership and conference travel fellowships.

Address and Membership Number

If you are not aware of your membership number, please inquire with the Secretariat. Please write to me about any change of address. Please mention your membership number in all your correspondence. I will get back to you as soon as I receive your e-mail.

Best wishes,

G Choudhuri
Honorary Secretary, ISG

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Indian Society of Gastroenterology
Annual Election for the Year 2004
Nomination Form

We hereby nominate Dr ____________________________
of ____________________________ (institution),
_____________________________ (city) for the post of President-Elect / Governing Council Member of
the Indian Society of Gastroenterology to be elected in 2004.

Signature
Name and address of Proposer

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Date _________________________

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Date _________________________

I agree to stand for election for the post of ____________________________
of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology.

Signature
Name and address of Candidate

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Date _________________________

Please use a photocopy of this form.
The Nomination Form should reach Dr K R Palaniswamy, President Elect (ISG), Room 112, Apollo Hospitals, P O Box 6240, 21 Greams Lane (Off Greams Road), Chennai 600 006 on or before June 30, 2004 (facsimile and e-mail submissions are not acceptable)