ISG NEWS

Minutes of the General Body meeting of the ISG held at Lucknow November 25, 2001

01. Minutes of the last General Body meeting held at New Delhi on November 21, 2000 were approved.
02. Members were informed about the action taken on the last meeting.
03. The auditor’s statement of accounts for the year 2000-2001 was approved.
04. The proposed budget for the year 2001-2002 was approved.
05. M/s Mehtoara and Mehtoara were appointed as auditors.
06. The members gave their approval to change the audit year from July-June to April-March.
07. All the valid nominations were approved as new Life Members of the ISG.
08. The election results for the posts of President-elect and Governing Council member were as follows:
   President-elect: Dr Philip Abraham
   Governing Council members: Dr Rakesh Aggarwal
   Dr S P Misra
09. The following ISG awards were approved:
   Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award (2001) Dr Premod Garg
   Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award (2002) Dr U C Ghoshal
   Parke-Davis Oration (2002) Dr Y K Chawla
   Olympus Mitra Award (2001) Dr S K Yachha
   Olympus Mitra Award (2002) Dr Shobha Bhatia
   Knoll Oration (2001) Dr Usha Baveja
10. Chennai was approved as the venue of the annual conference of the ISG for 2003.
11. Though the majority of members present supported Jaipur as the venue of the annual conference for 2004, the final decision will be taken next year.
12. Members approved the selection of Dr Philip Abraham as Editor of the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology for another term.
13. Members also approved the decision of the Governing Council regarding the action to be taken against ISG members who organize national-level meetings two months before or after the annual conference of the ISG. These are as follows:
a. The organizers, viz., Chairman/President, Organizing Secretary and Treasurer of the conference should not be allowed to contest election for any post in the Governing Council of the ISG for five years.
b. They should not be involved in any scientific program of the annual conference of the ISG for five years.
c. It is also desirable that other members should not accept invitations to participate as speakers in such meetings.
14. The members unanimously approved the rescheduling of the program of the annual conference as follows:

   Day 1: CME
   Days 2 and 3: Main ISG conference
   Day 4: INASL and SEGI meetings
   Day 5: Endoscopy Workshop, if desired by the Organizing Secretary of the Conference
15. The members agreed in principle to have a permanent secretariat for the Society; however, it was felt that it is too early to do so and the Society should have its own office space and enough funds to sustain the secretariat and staff.

42nd Annual Conference
This conference was held at Lucknow November 24-28, 2001. It was very well organized.

43rd Annual Conference
This conference will be held in Cochin November 21-26, 2002. Dr Philip Augustine, Organizing Secretary, will send further details. The last date for submission of Abstracts is July 15, 2002. Abstracts received after 1700 h on that date will not be accepted. As per the decision of the General Body, the schedule of the conference will be:

   CME program on day 1, followed by main ISG conference on two days. The INASL and SEGI meetings will be held on the fourth day, followed by the endoscopy workshop.

Mid-term meetings
The ISG provides a financial aid of Rs 20,000 each for two mid-term meetings every year. Those who are willing to organize these meetings should write to the Secretariat. The meetings should be held before July 2002.

Awards
Nominations for the various Awards should be sent to the Secretariat by July 15, 2002. Nominations for the Knoll Oration 2002 should be received by March 31, 2002. The details of the various Awards are as follows:

   Parke-Davis Oration (2003)

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.

Knoll Oration (2002 and 2003)
This oration is in the field of parasitology / gastrointest-
tinal 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.

**Hoechst Om Prakash Memorial Award (2003)**

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.

**Olympus Mitra Endoscopy Award (2003)**

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 Chuttani Oration (2003)**

Any member of the Society can send nominations. Nominations, along with 10 sets of the bio-data, should reach the Secretariat by July 15, 2002. 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.

**Pfizer Amir Chand Trophy (2003-2005)**

The Indian Society of Gastroenterology has established a trophy for the institution / center that has made the best contribution in the field of Gastroenterology. This will be assessed by a panel of eminent scientists, on the basis of 10 best papers published from the institution. Five copies of each paper are to be submitted to the Hon. Secretary. The rotating trophy is to be retained by the institution that wins the Award for a period of 2 years, after which it will be returned to the Secretary during the Annual Conference.

**Other Awards**

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

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

- Award for best posters: two prizes of Rs 10,000 each.

From the next academic year, the ISG will offer Travel Fellowship to DM students so that they can visit other departments for a period of one month during their training. Applications along with bio-data will be invited soon.

The ISG website will be launched in the near future. All members will be informed individually, and also will be provided with e-mail addresses.

**Membership dues**

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

- Ordinary member Rs 500
- Life member 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 inquire with the Secretariat. 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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