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November 27-30th 2008

Combined Meeting of the ISSH and the BSSH , Bangalore.

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President's Message



Greetings to all.

It makes me happy to write to all of you particularly at this time. as we are readying ourselves at Bangalore to welcome all of you to the 32nd Annual conference of your Society.

Briefly, I recall the earlier conferences held at Bangalore- the Xth at St John's Medical College under the presidentship of Dr Ersnt Fritschi in 1981, the next along with the APSI meeting in 1993 under the presidentship of Dr. Nandu Laud , and more recently under the presidentship of Dr. Govind Malviya.

This time around it will also be a combined meeting with The British Society for Surgery of the Hand. The second time in fact that this type of meeting is going to be held. The British Society under the steward ship of Professor Joe Dias is making a big presence at the meeting. There is to be equal participation at the plenary sessions in order to project the Indian and British persepectives respectively(if there are any). There is also to be a special singular oration - the Presidents' Oration to "commemorate " the Combined meeting, with a member of the BSSH, Mr. Ian B Trail, delivering the oration.

The other two Orations-The Professor R Venkataswami Oration, and the Professor Dr. BB Joshi oration are to be delivered by Dr Steven F Morris, from Halifax, Canada and Dr Bruce Johnstone, of Melbourne, Australia.

The enthusiasm of the delegates and the registrants is indeed palpable and I look forward to your presence and active participation.

It appears that this meeting is a sort of perspective provider for many of our overseas colleagues not only from the great advances that Hand Surgery has been making in this part of the world, but also in the fact that more number of emerging colleagues are choosing the specialty for the careers. This meeting will also provide a view of the cultural and socio

economic scene generally moving India in these times.

That Hand Surgery has come of age in India is now an accepted fact, and much of the credit has to be accorded to the pioneers and every Past President of the Society for their efforts in nurturing the Society in the initial stages and later difficult times. That we have been able to decide on venues and locations for the next two or three meetings ahead is testimony to this fact among many other aspects. That we have developed centers of excellence which are preferred centers for overseas trainees and colleagues is even further proof of this fact.

While a number of areas and conditions (infections , leprosy related claw hands) are being seen in lesser numbers, other newer areas are now emerging and posing challenges and are being addressed adequately and effectively. However it is the area of "service" that we all need to keep in mind, particularly to the marginalised ,so that hand surgery is made affordable to all.

We have also been able to secure the endorsement of the IFSSH to hold the IFSSH meeting in 2013 in New Delhi. This is due to the great effort made by our dynamic Secretary Dr Raja Sabapathy who has travelled far and wide, and contributed significantly in the scientific arena to ensure that this honour is accorded to us. It will be no exaggeration to reiterate that the motto of the 2013 meeting will indeed be "reaching out". On behalf of our Society I would appeal to all of you to join in this effort to "REACH OUT" to everyone interested in Hand Surgery across the world to join us at the 2013 meeting.

Finally, Prabha joins me presenting our compliments for this festive season and we wish for you and your family the very Best in the year to come. Both of us look forward to welcoming you to the ISSH32, at Bengaluru (Bangalore), along with the others of the organising Committee, Professor Vijay Joseph- Chairman, Dr Babu Bajantri - Organising Secretary and Dr Gurucharan Singh- Treasurer, and Dr. K.S. Shekar- Advisor.

With warm regards,
B.A. Anantharam

Secretary's Message



Dear Colleagues,

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege for me to serve as the Secretary of our Society for the past 6 years. We have crossed quite a few milestones in this period.

On the National front, there has been an enthusiastic response from the young surgeons to join the fold. A number of new Hand surgery centres have blossomed, the National Board has recognized Hand and Microsurgery as a specialty for post doctoral fellowship course and our members have obtained international recognition in various forums. The participation of our members both in the Indian meetings and in the International meetings is on the rise and it is a good yardstick of the growth of the specialty. Still we have to go a long way to ensure that quality hand surgical care is available to every one in our country.

In the International arena the biggest achievement is our successful bid to host the 2013 triennial congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand and the International Federation of Societies of Hand Therapists. This is a great opportunity to showcase India's progress in Hand and Microsurgery and to allow our guests to enjoy traditional Indian hospitality.

The newsletter contains information of the events that happened since we last met in Kodaikanal. It contains the important note on the proposed Overseas Traveling Fellowship to be set up in our society due to the gracious gesture of Dr Acland, transferring the copyright of his Practice Manual for Microvascular Surgery. It's fruition also gives me great personal satisfaction.

I thank all of you for the opportunity to be the secretary of the society at an important phase of its growth. I am sure the future will show even further accelerated momentum of growth and the society will play its part in training professionals and reaching out to the masses.

With warm regards
S. Raja Sabapathy

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Hotel Kodai International on 24th August, 2007.

- 1) The Executive Committee Meeting was held on 24th August 2007 at the Hotel Kodai International, Kodaikanal with Dr B A Anantharam, President, presiding over the meeting. He welcomed the members and requested the secretary to give the report.
- 2) Secretary Dr S Raja Sabapathy explained about the growth of the Society. (List of new members is given at the end of the newsletter). The regular sources of the income to the Society are only the membership fees of the new members and the contribution made by every organizing secretary of the annual conferences. The other major source of income was the contribution the Society received due to the distribution of Dr Acland's Practice Manual for Microvascular Surgery. The regular expenditures were the dues of \$ 500 per year we are paying to the International Federation and \$ 100 per year to the Asian Pacific Federation. Secretary said that the funds could be augmented if only we change over to the system of yearly membership fees. This was discussed and then left out as being non practicable.
- 3) The Secretary gave a brief report of the Chandigarh conference and all of them complemented Dr Ravi Gupta and his team for conducting a good meeting. Dr Ravi Gupta has given Rs. 15000 as the surplus amount of the conference to the Society.
- 4) Dr Raja Sabapathy presented the statement of accounts which was approved. The members approved the Secretary to withdraw the amount that he had personally spent for running the Association.
- 5) Dr S Raja Sabapathy officially announced the winning of our Bid to host the 2013 Triennial Congress of the IFSSH & IFSHT. Dr Anantharam, President and Dr Raja Sabapathy, Secretary, had received the signed contract from the IFSSH President Dr Pardini at Sydney. Dr Anantharam, President explained that it was a momentous occasion for India. The members congratulated the efforts of the Secretary & his team
- 6) The issue of registration of ISSH was raised by Dr Raja

Sabapathy. The society was originally registered under The Societies of Registration Act, 1860 (ACT XXI of 1860) of Maharashtra State bearing the Registration No. Bom.274/73 G.B.B.S.D on 23rd August 1973 at Bombay. Since the transactions have been few, no tax returns have been filed so far. The Secretary said that it is difficult to start filing the returns in the absence of previous years' tax returns. A discussion was made as to how to sort out the problem. Secretary said that it was important to get into the regular system. Various options were discussed. Dr Thatte suggested that the matter can be dealt with in the same manner as the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India, where the Trustees file return and organizing committee submits their audited statement through the trustee. Dr Balakrishnan, the Managing Trustee said that he would explore the possibilities after consulting with his auditor.

- 7) Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar highlighted the usefulness of the Basic Hand courses conducted by the ISSH. The plan is to organize at least four courses each year.
- 8) The National Board of Examination conducts Post Doctoral Fellowship Programme in Hand and Microsurgery. So far the eligibility has been a qualification in Plastic Surgery or Orthopaedic Surgery. Since the number of candidates were few, Dr Balakrishnan suggested that general surgeons also be allowed to apply for the programme. The Executive debated the proposal and agreed to it. The matter was to be placed before the General Body.
- 9) The forthcoming 2008 meetings will be held at Bangalore which will be a Joint Indo British meeting. Dr B A Ananthram spoke about the details and the registration fees. The venues for the further meetings will be New Delhi in 2009 and Nashik 2010.
- 10) Dr S Raja Sabapathy stressed the need to strengthen the Indian Hand Therapy Society and requested all Surgeons to make their therapists as associate members.
- 11) Dr Praveen Bharadwaj, Coimbatore and Dr Shamsi Hameed, Manipal were awarded the Ethicon Traveling Fellowship for the year 2008.

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held at 5 pm on 25th August, 2008 at Hotel Kodai International .

1. All the matters that were discussed in the Executive Committee were reported to the General Body by the Secretary and they were approved.
2. A discussion was made to raise the membership fees and finally it was decided to maintain it at the same rate of Rs. 3000. It was decided to review it at the next meeting.
3. The General Body thanked Dr Acland for transferring the copyright of his manual to the society.
4. Dr. Raja Sabapathy explained that when receiving the copyright we committed to start an overseas traveling fellowship and requested the General Body to approve and year mark the proceeds received by the distribution of the books for this purpose. The General Body approved it and requested the Managing Trustee to facilitate the same.
5. The General Body agreed to the proposal for requesting NBE to let General Surgeons also apply for the Fellowship in Hand & Microsurgery. Secretary was requested to write to the board.
6. Dr. Anantharam detailed about the preparation about the Bangalore meeting. It was decided to create an oration for the occasion of this combined meeting and request a member of the British Society to deliver it. This oration will only be conducted at this combined meeting and will be called as 'Presidents Oration'. The expenses for the preparation of the medallion will be borne by the local organizing committee. The registration fees for the orator will be waived and local accommodation will be provided by the organizers.
7. It was decided that the awardees of the ISSH Ethicon Traveling fellowship must attend the subsequent meeting to receive the award in person.
8. The free paper presented by Dr K Sekar of Thirunelveli, titled " Uric Acid – A Mediator of Post Tourniquet Syndrome?" was adjudged as the best paper presented during the free paper session.
9. The General Body thanked Dr Chandraprakasam and his team for conducting a good and enjoyable meeting.

Brief Note on the Annual Meeting of the ISSH held at Kodaikanal from 24th – 26th August 2007.

The meeting was held at a picturesque location of Kodaikanal at Hotel Kodai International. Prof Duncan A McGrouther, Manchester, United Kingdom delivered the Prof R Venkataswami Oration titled "How to Promote Innovation in Hand Surgery?" and Dr. Warren C. Breidenbach, Louisville, USA delivered Prof BB Joshi Oration, titled "Status of Hand Transplantation Today". The Scientific content and the social programmes were of high standard and the delegates enjoyed the meeting.

Combined Meeting of the ISSH and the BSSH , Bangalore, 27th - Nov 2008



Prof. Joseph Dias
President, BSSH

Don't miss the opportunity of being part of a great scientific and cultural experience. The team of Dr Anantharam, Dr Babu Bajanthri and Dr Vijay Joseph have taken efforts to make it an enjoyable event. Please do come with your family. Mrs Prabha Anantharam has charted out a great programme for the accompanying persons.

While more details could be had at the website www.issh.org, the highlights are presented here.

Prof. R. Venkataswami Oration

Dr. Steven F Morris, Canada.

Title : Recognizing Creative Genius and the Quest for Excellence in Hand Surgery.

Prof. BB Joshi Oration

Prof. Bruce R Johnstone, Australia.

Title : Overview of Upper Limb Cerebral Palsy.

Combined Meeting President's Oration

Mr. Ian A. Trail, UK.

Title : How I treat Arthritis of the Hand and Wrist

Notice of the Executive Committee Meeting to be held during ISSH 2008.

The executive committee meeting will be held at the Century Club Bangalore at 5 pm on Wednesday, the 26th November 2008. The meeting will be followed by dinner.

Notice of the General Body Meeting to be held during ISSH 2008.

The General Body Meeting will be held at Hotel Atria, Bangalore on Thursday, the 27th November 2008 at 5.15 pm after completion of the afternoon scientific session.

Notice for the Elections to the Executive Council

The members are informed that the elections to the following posts will be held during the General Body Meeting at Hotel Atria, on 27th November 2008.

Vice President	– 1 Post
Secretary	– 1 Post
Members of the Executive Committee	– 2 Posts

Progress report on our preparation for the 12th Triennial Meeting of the IFSSH & IFSHT, 4 to 8th March 2013, New Delhi.

The countdown has started for the great event which the ISSH will proudly host in March 2013.

Dr. Raja Sabapathy, Secretary of the Society and the Chairman of the Bid Committee for the IFSSH 2013 attended the council meetings of the IFSSH on behalf of the society. The date for the meeting has been provisionally fixed as 4th to 8th March, 2013 at New Delhi. It is felt that the local venue could be fixed after the 2010 Commonwealth Games, when more choices would be available. Though we have made a provisional budget for the bid, it is bound to vary according to the venue we finally decide. At around that time the core committee has also to be made.

Conventionally, the triennial congresses have been a combined meeting of both the hand surgery and hand therapy societies (IFSSH and IFSHT as in Sydney). Logistic organizational problems arise to hold combined Congresses, when the therapy society is not strong enough to take up financial responsibility in

the bid Nation, In such situations IFSHT may sometimes decide to hold their meeting at a separate venue. (as in 2010 situation). This was felt as not a welcome situation by all the members of the IFSSH. The issue was discussed extensively at the IFSSH council, but no definite guidelines could be issued precluding such nations from bidding to host the event. But the council encouraged that every effort must be made by the bidding nation to make it a combined congress. The Indian venue was also perceived to have the same problems. Dr Raja Sabapathy had extensive discussions with the then IFSHT president Ms. Judy Coldtz during the APFSSH meeting at Hong Kong and with Ms Lynne Feehan at the FESSH meeting at Laussane in 2008. The discussions were very fruitful and the executive committee of the IFSHT unanimously agreed to have the combined congress. An agreement is being signed between the IFSHT and the ISSH. We are very happy that the executive of the IFSHT has whole heartedly agreed to the proposal of our association to make it a combined congress. This will make the event a vibrant one and also help Indian therapists the opportunity of exposure to the advances in the field. Let us join hands to provide the delegates the best Congress ever conducted.

ISSH Trust

The ISSH trust is being maintained at Chennai by Prof G Balakrishnan, Managing Trustee. At the Chandigarh meeting Dr GN Malaviya and Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar were elected as the new trustees in the place of Dr S R Tambwekar and Dr J R Jaju who retired. Dr G Balakrishnan has obtained the 80 G exemption for the trust and this is valid till the year 2010. The trustee's report will be provided during the conference.

ISSH Ethicon Traveling Fellowship – 2008-09

The Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand offers two inland traveling fellowships for suitable candidates who profess an interest in Hand Surgery to visit selected institutions for about 4 weeks. The Ethicon division of Johnson & Johnson provides Rs 12 500 to each fellow to utilize for travel and other incidental expenses.

Awardees for the year 2007

Dr . Praveen Bharadwaj

Dr . Shamsi Hameed

The selection of the candidates for the year 2008 would be done during the forthcoming conference and interested candidates are requested to submit an application to the Secretary, ISSH before the executive committee meeting to be held on 26th Nov 2008.

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Special Subscription Rate to the Journal of Hand Surgery (British and European Volume)

Sage publishers have taken over the publishing of Journal of Hand Surgery (British and European Volume). They have been kind enough to continue the arrangements we had with Elsevier earlier to provide special subscription rates to Indian members.

This can be availed by any member by payment by DD drawn in favour of 'The Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand' payable at Coimbatore for Rs. 5000. Outstation cheques should add bank charges. The members are advised to avail this during the conference so that all the subscriptions can be sent at one time. If availing later, members are requested to add Rs 500 for bank and other incidental expenses. Subscribers will also have access to the full text online of available back issues. It is a good offer. We need to have numbers for the continuation of the scheme and once again we request you to subscribe.

Basic Hand Courses of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand.

During the tenure of Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar as the President of the ISSH, it was decided to conduct Basic Courses in Hand Surgery in different parts of the Country. This had the twin aims of helping non specialist surgeon to provide better care for hand problems and enthuse post graduates into the field of Hand Surgery. Dr Bhaskaranand himself took up the responsibility and I am glad to say that 6 such courses were conducted in the last 2 years. They were held at Dibrugarh, Aurangabad, Mangalore, Cananore, Mysore and Trichur. All of them were extremely popular as judged by the feed back from the participants. Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar plans to conduct 6 more courses before 2010 and will also start Advanced Hand Courses from early next year.

The Executive congratulates Dr. Bhakaranand Kumar and expresses its gratitude to him and all the faculty who participated in these courses.

Acland – S & T Overseas Traveling Fellowship.

The third edition of the Acland's Practice Manual for Microvascular Surgery has been brought out. M/s Carl Zeiss and S&T have taken part in the sponsorship for production of this enlarged edition.

S & T has also offered to take over the responsibility of distributing this book overseas. Dr Acland has agreed that the proposed fellowship could be termed as Acland – S&T Fellowship. The guidelines for selection has to be formulated and approved at the General Body Meeting during the forth coming ISSH meeting at Bangalore.

A Call for Encouraging Hand Therapy.

All of us have benefited from the services of good hand therapists in the care of our patients. A time has come for us to help them organize into a cohesive body and provide them a platform for healthy growth. There will be start up struggles in getting together but we are in a vantage position to make it possible. We look forward to the suggestions of the membership during the forthcoming annual meeting at Bangalore.

Forth Coming Meetings

Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand

1. 2009 – New Delhi

The 33rd annual meeting of the ISSH will be held at New Delhi
Dr Vikas Gupta will be the organizer for the Meeting. For further details please contact him at vikasgupta69@yahoo.com

2. 2010 - Nashik

The 34rd annual meeting of the ISSH will be held at Nashik
Dr Rajendra Nehete will be the organizer for the Meeting.
For further details please contact him at rajendranehete@gmail.com

Brachial Plexus Surgery Group of India.

2009 - Coimbatore

3rd Biennial meeting of the society will be held from 20th to 22nd February 2009 at Ganga Hospital Auditorium, Coimbatore. For details please contact

Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy at rajahand@vsnl.com

Association of Plastic Surgeons of India

2008 – Varanasi.

43rd APSICON will be held at Banaras Hindu University between 11th and 15th November 2008. For details please contact Dr.V. Bhattacharya at visweswar1@rediffmail.com.

2009 - Chennai

44th APSICON will be held at Chennai 5 - 9th August 2009.
For details please contact Dr. G. Balakrishnan at righthospitals@yahoo.co.in

World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery

2009 – Okinawa, Japan.

5th Congress of the World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery will be held between 25 to 27th June, 2009 at Okinawa, Japan. For further details please visit <http://wsrm2009.jp>

Asia Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH)

2009 - Kaoshiung, Taiwan

8th Congress of Asia Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH), November 13-15, 2009, Kaoshiung, Taiwan.

International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

2010 - Seoul, Korea

11th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH), Seoul, Korea, October 31 to November 4 – 2010.

This congress of the international body will precede the one which we would be conducting in New Delhi in 2013. As the host nation of the next congress it will be great to have good participation from India.

Details are available in the congress website

<http://www.ifssh2010.com>.

2013 – New Delhi, India.

12th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) will be held in New Delhi between 4th – 8th March 2013.

List of New Members

Dr Praveen Bhardwaj, Delhi

Dr R. M. Shenoy, Mangalore

Dr K. Sekar, Tirunelveli

Dr R. Sivakumar, Madurai

Dr M. Chidambaram, Madurai

Dr P. Suresh Kumar, Madurai

Dr Satish H V, Mysore

Dr Mruthyunjaya, Mysore

Dr Rohan Ashok Habbu, Mumbai

Dr Jijethdran N, Coimbatore

Dr Madhusudan G, Bangalore

Dr John A. Santoshi, Vellore

Dr Narender Saini, Rajasthan

Dr Vijay P G, Kerala

Dr Venkatesh Babu S, Tirunelveli

Dr Wolfgang Huber, Austria

Dr Sanjay Sheoran, Haryana

Dr Abu Saleh Mohammed Monirul Alam, Bangladesh

Dr Charu Eapen, Mangalore

Dr Jagadish Prabhu, Bangalore

Dr Mohammed Amjad Hossain, Bangladesh

Dr Md. Asadullah, Bangladesh

Dr Yogesh C. Bhatt, Baroda

Dr Nikhil S Panse, Pune

Dr Tandale Mangesh Sundarrao, Maharashtra

Dr Purnima Patni, Jaipur

Dr Darmeshwaran V M, Erode

Dr Dammika Dissanayake, Sri Lanka

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