

## **Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> EC meeting on 08/2/17 at HICC, Hyderabad**

### **1. Welcome address:** by President IAGES

Prof Udawadia, senior advisers, trustees and my EC members. I welcome you all to the 4<sup>th</sup> and last EC meeting of this Presidency. 2016-2017 has been a very eventful and a good year for our great association. We were led by our founder President Prof T E Udawadia who brought glory to us and the association by being conferred the Padma Bhusan. Thank you, sir, for being always being there.

- ❖ Dr Pradeep Chowbey delivered the 1st H G Doctor oration at the annual conference of HSI at Aurangabad, his biography was published in Obesity Journal, and he was made an honorary member of Japanese society of endoscopic surgeons.
- ❖ Dr Ajay Kriplani was given the BC Roy award.
- ❖ Dr Anil Sharma presided over the annual conference of APHS at Tokyo as the President
- ❖ Dr Zameer pasha was elected District Governor of Rotary Club
- ❖ Dr Ramen Goel was accredited as Surgeon of bariatric and metabolic excellence by surgical review corporation, USA
- ❖ Dr Pramod Shinde was invited to the SAGES CME committee
- ❖ Dr Arun Prasad featured on the cover of World Journal of Surgery
- ❖ Dr Suresh Vasistha was conferred the Honorary fellowship of College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka
- ❖ Dr Sreejoy Patnaik was felicitated by Chal Chitra Jagat, Bhubaneswar for his outstanding contribution to Laparoscopic surgery in Odisha
- ❖ Dr Sarfaraz Baig published a book Nutrition, obesity and bariatrics

We are very proud of you all for your achievements and the glory you have brought to our association

We had a historic year with 35 academic activities which were well organised, attended and liked.

For the first time:

1. Monthly e Newsletter, IAGES TIMES
2. Endoscopic course for Surgeons at Erode
3. Speciality FALS -Bariatric, hernia, colorectal, HPB
4. Midterm conference at Kanya Kumari after a decade
5. Membership cards
6. Digitalisation of membership form and records
7. More than 1000 new members
8. Streamlining of accounts and filing of returns till 2015-2016

This has all been possible because of the relentless work done by the entire team. Members have spontaneously come forward to conduct activities in their areas and have travelled far and wide as faculty to share their knowledge with the delegates of these courses.

Words fail me. I do not know how to express by gratitude to all of you for making this year glorious and historic. IAGES is on a roller coaster and all the members and executives are charged and excited. I have really enjoyed this journey and also enjoyed working with all of you. You have given me one of the most memorable periods of my life.

My friend, Dr Zameer Pasha, the incoming President will take us to greater heights. I will be working with you as IPP and will be always available whenever required.

Dr Ravindranath and Dr Laxmi Kona have laid out an academic feast for all of us. Their entire team has worked tirelessly looking into every small detail. We are grateful to them for organising this conference.

As the President I am responsible for any misgiving/shortcomings in this year on behalf of the entire team. I ask for unconditional apology if inadvertently I have hurt anyone. My main motto was to work and make a lot of new friends. With 35 activities in less than a year I have been travelling with our Hon secretary Dr Sayandev Dasgupta and some of you every 10 days. It was a tight balancing act between Presidency, work and family. I work for a corporate hospital and I have managed to keep my job.

Thank you all once again for your blessings and support in making 2016-2017 a glorious and historic year

I welcome you all to an exciting annual conference

## **2. Condolences:**

- Dr S Ashok, Prof of Surgery, Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Chennai, who was past Hon Secretary of IAGES.
- Prof Dr Pranab Baruah, Assam

One minute silence was held in their memory and it was decided to send a condolence letter to their families.

## **3. Roll Call:** See attached sheet

## **4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the third EC meeting held at Kolkata on 11<sup>th</sup> September,2016:**

It was passed unanimously

- ❖ Proposed by Dr Sunil Popat
- ❖ Seconded by Dr Satyapriya De Sarkar

## **5. Secretary Report: by Dr.Sayandev Dasgupta**

- Highlighted all the IAGES activities of the previous one year including all FIAGES courses, E-FIAGES and 4 theme wise speciality FALS courses.
- Appreciated Dr Satyapriya De Sarkar for conducting 1 day Endoscopic course at Kolkata.
- Appreciated Dr Meenakshi Sharma for organising Knotting & suturing course.
- More than 1000 new members were included in the IAGES registry.
- Membership forms are digitalized.
- Membership cards have been designed and are being distributed.
- All pending membership certificates (except 12) were successfully distributed.
- Fourth Edition of Text Book of Laparoscopy would be released on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 during the inauguration function of the 14<sup>th</sup> National Congress of IAGES.
- Old FIAGES certificates are also getting distributed to the respective Fellows by post.
- Dr Satyapriya De Sarkar was applauded for his excellent arrangement during the 3<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting at Kolkata on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- He also mentioned that soon membership registration can be done on-line with the provision for online payment.

### **6. Treasurer's report:** by Dr Ramen Goel

- Year 2014-2015, 2015-2016 accounts were finalised and the accounts are up to date as of now.
- Accounts from all FIAGES, E-FIAGES have been received for this year. FALS accounts are only pending at present.
- Only one travelling Fellowship was issued this year as there was only one applicant
- He also mentioned that close to Rs. 1, 51, 00,000 is in trustee's account.
- He requested suggestion for improving the income of IAGES.

Various suggestions were made by Dr Ravindranath, Dr Sunil Papat, Dr Abhay Dalvi, Dr Subhash Agarwalla, Dr Ashwin Masurkar to improve the sponsorship from various companies like fixing the Annual Conference sponsorship amount with all major sponsors, which will be applicable for subsequent years. He thanked Dr Ramesh Agarwalla, Dr Sayandev DasGupta, Dr Abhay Dalvi, Dr Kamlesh Khandelwal and Dr H G Doctor for all their help in finalising the accounts

Dr MG Bhat wanted a clarification regarding the expenses during the 25th year celebration held at Mumbai, which was explained by Dr Abhay Dalvi.

Rupees Five lakhs was due to be given to Prof B Krishna Rau towards Chennai Relief Fund. The issue was discussed and it was decided unanimously to release the fund and issue the cheque immediately.

It was unanimously agreed that there is no need for travel expense reimbursement for the EC members attending ELSA.

### **7. FIAGES Report:** by Dr Subhash Khanna

He thanked all the organisers of FIAGES courses held during this year at Cuttack, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Rajahmundry, Jamshedpur, Guwahati, Gurgaon, Jaipur, Nasik & Chennai

Total of 790 fellows were eligible for receiving FIAGES fellowship certificates

### **8. FALS Course: Report by Dr. H P Garg**

4 speciality based FALS courses were held during this year.

1. FALS Hernia at Fortis Hospital, Gurgaon by Ajay Kriplani & his team

Total of 107 candidates were qualified for fellowship

2. FALS colorectal at Balaji Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi, by Pradeep Jain & his team

94 qualified for fellowship

3. FALS Bariatric at Max Hospital, New Delhi by Dr Pradeep Chowbey & his team

37 qualified for fellowship

4. FALS HBP & Upper GI

Qualified for fellowship

Dr John Thanakumar, Dr Kriplani, Dr Sunil Popat, Dr Aparna Deshpande applauded Dr Garg for his efforts towards successful conduct of FALS courses.

### **9. E-FIAGES Report: by Dr. Easwaramoorthy**

Dr S Easwaramoorthy presented the report of the first Hands-on Endoscopy Fellowship course (E-FIAGES) conducted under the auspices of IAGES from 3rd-6th of November 2016 at Lotus hospital, Erode. This historic event drew lot of interest and total of 75 candidates took the fellowship. This 4 day structured endoscopy course had live endoscopy module, simulation module, lecture module and assessment module. The guidelines for subsequent 3 day course was circulated and accepted by EC after fruitful discussion.

The following IAGES members were to be conferred Hon. E-FIAGES during the IAGES 2017, proposed by Dr John Thanakumar and seconded by Dr M G Bhat

1. Prof Dr B Krishna Rau
2. Dr S Easwaramoorthy
3. Dr Subhash Khanna
5. Dr Satyapriya De Sarkar
6. Dr Satish Midha

7. Dr K Govindraj
8. Dr T Sivakumar
9. Dr Ashwin Masurkar
10. Dr Sunil Popat
11. Dr Navaneetha Krishnan
12. Dr K.M. Abul Hasan
13. Dr A Rajasekar

### **10.Reports by Zonal Vice - Presidents:**

1. East Zone : Dr Satyapriya De Sarkar

Highlighted all the academic events held in the East Zone, including the 4 FIAGES courses and one One Day Endoscopy Course.

2. North Zone: Dr Sumit Shah

Highlighted on all the North Zone activities including the FIAGES course at Gurgaon & 4 speciality FALS courses held in his zone.

3. South Zone: Dr Ashwin Masurkar

Highlighted the academic events in the South Zone including the mid-term conference at Kanyakumari by Dr T Sivakumar, and E-FIAGES course held at Erode by Dr S Easwaramoorthy & FIAGES course held by Dr Kanagavel, at Chennai.

4. West Zone: Dr Sunil Popat

Discussed about the three different FIAGES courses held at Ahmedabad, Nasik & Jaipur. The unique residential course in a resort at Nasik was organised by Dr Pramod Shinde and was very much appreciated. Dr Jaya Maheswari received special appreciation for excellent academic and cultural events during FIAGES, Jaipur. The Ahmedabad course was also very well organised and well attended

### **11.JMAS:**

Prof Udwadia discussed about the progress made in bringing out JMAS and applauded the dedicated work done by Dr Deepraj Bhandarkar. It grew from 40 pages journal to 100 pages and is received by nearly 6000 IAGES members now. Subsequently Dr Deepraj Bhandarkar gave further insight on working of the journal. JMAS has 4 issues yearly and now has impact factor of 0.83 which is very good (in comparison IJS impact factor is 0.35).

At present the article acceptance rate is about 23%. 60% of the articles are from overseas and rest from Indian sub-continent. 36% of articles of Indian authors are accepted for publication. He also

mentioned that the need for reconstitution of editorial board shortly. The possibility of bringing the journal in i-Phone/Android app was explored and found to be an expensive exercise at present scenario.

Dr Ramesh Agarwalla assured that JMAS is and will be fully financially supported by IAGES. He requested Prof Udwadia to be the Life time Chief Editor of JMAS and it was unanimously agreed by everyone present at the meeting. Prof Udwadia indicated that no secretarial expenses was given to Dr Deepraj Bhandarkar towards bringing out JMAS and every one applauded his dedicated service.

The members discussed conducting a course on art of writing research articles as one of the important IAGES activities. Dr Sarfaraz Baig suggested about the mentors who could take initiative to guide the IAGES members to write articles. While Dr Abhay Dalvi said that the workshop on article writing alone may not be enough. Dr Subhash Agarwal stressed the importance of self-motivation. Dr Aparna Deshpande suggested about maintaining a data base by IAGES and conducting multi-centre studies. EC requested her to take it as a pilot project.

### **12. E-Directory & Membership Card:**

Digitalisation of all membership records (except from 1 to 3378 which are missing!) are near to completion. And membership cards are getting ready to be issued, thanks to the untiring work of Hon Secretary.

### **13. E-Newsletter:** by Dr. Subhash Khanna

Dr Subhash Khanna mentioned that so far 9 e-newsletters have been released with no cost to IAGES. Everybody greatly appreciated the design and content of e-newsletters and applauded the excellent work done by Dr Subhash Khanna. It was decided to bring down the hard copy of newsletter from 2 issues to 1 issue per year.

### **14. Fourth Edition of Text Book of Laparoscopy:**

Dr Ramesh Agarwalla applauded every EC member for writing the chapters and helping to bring this new edition of Text book of Laparoscopy which would be released on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 during the inaugural function of the 14<sup>th</sup> National Congress of IAGES 2017. All IAGES members would receive a copy of this text book in couple of months by post.

### **15. IAGES MID-TERM CONFERENCE:**

Dr T Sivakumar highlighted the 2 days live workshop and mid-term conference held at Kanyakumari. A total of 53 faculties and 183 delegates attended the conference, which was a grand success.

### **16. Report about IAGES 2017:** By Dr. Lakshmi Kona

- More than 1000 delegates have registered so far and more were expected as spot registration
- Planned to have live laparoscopy workshop on all 3 days from 8am to 12 noon daily
- More than 100 free papers and e-posters were accepted and expected a very interactive and vibrant conference to benefit all

## **17. Proposed constitutional Amendments**

- Henceforth for all the IAGES academic activities like FIAGES, FALS, E-FIAGES, the concerned organising team can open an account in any bank and not necessarily a nationalised bank. But detailed audited account is a must from each event. They should pay Rs one lakh or 50% of the surplus amount generated from the event - whichever is higher, to IAGES account with audited statement at the earliest date.
- IAGES membership fee is going to be revised and it will be RS 7000/- from now onwards
- Henceforth, for IAGES accreditation of Laparoscopic training centres there will be a fee of Rs 25000/- which has to be renewed every 3 year period by paying the same amount. The travelling expenses and local hospitality of the EC member who will go for inspection has to be borne by the training centre.
- Every accredited centre has to give at least one advertisement to JMAS every year

All the above amendments would help IAGES to generate more income to meet the increasing expenses

## **18. Any Other matters:**

- Registration has started for IAGES 2018 to be held in Raipur on 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018.
- Dr .Govindraj outlined the plan to organise a mid-term conference in Colombo on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

EC meeting concluded with vote of thanks by our Hon Secretary.

Jai Hind

## 4<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting at Hotel Novotel, Hyderabad

### Members Present:

1. TE Udwadia
2. B Krishna Rau
3. Ajay Kriplani
4. Ramesh Agarwalla
5. Sayandev DasGupta
6. Ramen Goel
7. Abhay Dalvi
8. John Thanakumar
9. MG Bhat
10. V Venkatesh
11. Sarfaraz Jalil Baig
12. Jaya Maheswari
13. Aparna Deshpande
14. Lakshmi Kumari Kona
15. Meenakshi Sharma
16. Siddharth Tamaskar
17. Sunil Popat
18. Vijay Mittal
19. Pramode Shinde
20. Satish Midha
21. T Sivakumar
22. Sreejoy Patnaik
23. SP De Sarkar
24. HP Garg
25. Subhash Agrawal
26. Subhash Khanna
27. Rakesh Shivhare
28. Zameer Pasha
29. Navaneethakrishnan
30. Govindaraj
31. Easwaramoorthy
32. Achal Gupta
33. Ravindranath
34. Deepraj Bhandarkar