

**INDIAN SOCIETY OF GASTROENTEROLOGY
GENERAL BODY MEETING (ISGCON 2017)
MAYFAIR CONVENTION CENTER, BHUBNESWAR
DECEMBER 15, 2017 – 6.00 P. M.**

The following ISG members were present:

1. Dr T S Chandrasekar – President, Chennai
2. Dr Govind Kumar Makharia – Secretary General, New Delhi
3. Dr Philip Mathew – Cochin
4. Dr Krishnadas D – Trivandrum
5. Dr Ajay Kumar – Delhi
6. Dr Neeraj Nagaich – Jaipur
7. Dr Ajit Kumar Sinha – Patna
8. Dr L Venkatakrishnan - Coimbatore
9. Dr Rajan Mittal - Himachal Pradesh
10. Dr Ajay K Jain - Indore
11. Dr K K Rawal – Rajkot
12. Dr C R Panda – Cuttack
13. Dr Bimal Kumar – Patna
14. Dr Philip Abraham – Mumbai
15. Dr R Ravi –
16. Dr S Dharmalingam – Coimbatore
17. Dr K Raghuram – Chennai
18. Dr P Padmanabhan- Chennai
19. Dr Malath iSathiyasekaran - Chennai
20. Dr V Jayanthi – Chennai
21. Dr M Srinivas – Chennai
22. Dr John Mathews - Kochi
23. Dr Shoket Chowdhary – Jammu
24. Dr Jeevanlal Gheedle – Bhilai
25. Dr Medhi Bishnu Ram – Shillong
26. Dr Apurba Siva – Kolkata
27. Dr Arvind Gubbi – Bangalore
28. Dr Lokesh A J – Hassan
29. Dr Devendra Singh – Bilaspur
30. Dr Pramod Mittal – Patiala
31. Dr J B Dilawari – New Delhi
32. Dr Ravindra Pradeep Sharma – Rajasthan
33. Dr M R Ajmal – Aligarh
34. Dr Subhash C Patel – Jamnagar
36. Dr Sanjay Gupta – Dehradun
37. Dr Manoj Joshi – Nainital
38. Dr R Vidya Sagar – Hyderabad
39. Dr Amitava Goswami - Guwahati
40. Dr Kundan Kumar – Jamshedpur
41. Dr Sanjib Kumar Kar – Cuttack

- 42 Dr Ashish Kumar Vyas –
- 43 Dr Sandeep Goyal – New Delhi
- 44 Dr Mohamed Farook M – Bangalore
- 45 Dr Manoranjan Prasad – Patna
- 46 Dr Pratap Behera - Bhubaneswar
- 47 Dr Raju Kanakia – Mumbai
- 48 Dr Dhiren Pipalia – Mumbai
- 49 Dr Rakesh P Patel - Ambernath (E)
- 50 Dr Vipulroy Rathod – Mumbai
- 51 Dr Vinaya Kumar K R – Trivandrum
- 52 Dr Satish Rao - Augusta, GA 30912, USA
- 53 Dr B D Goswami – Guwahati
- 54 Dr Niranjana Tripathy – Cuttack
- 55 Dr Karmabir Chakravartty – Kolkata
- 56 Dr M Yahya – Kolkata
- 57 Dr C Vaishnavi - Chandigarh
- 58 Dr V A Narayanan – Kochi
- 59 Dr Kartar Singh – Chandigarh
- 60 Dr B Ramesh Kumar – Hyderabad
- 51 Dr S K Acharya – New Delhi
- 52 Dr S P Singh – Cuttack
- 53 Dr S J Bhatia – Mumbai
- 54 Dr Rajiv Khosla - New Delhi
- 55 Dr B Shankar Sharma – Kurnool
- 56 Dr A K Sinha – Purnia
- 57 Dr Usha Dutta – Chandigarh
- 58 Dr A V Siva Prasad - Visakhapatnam
- 59 Dr Y K Chawla – Chandigarh
- 60 Dr R Sud – Gurgaon
- 61 Dr Sandeep Nijhawan – Jaipur
- 62 Dr C CChaubal – Bhopal
- 63 Dr Kingshuk Kumar Dhar – Kolkata
- 64 Dr Uday C Ghoshal – Lucknow
- 65 Dr Ujjala Ghoshal – Lucknow
- 66 Dr Jaydeb Ray – Kolkata
- 67 Dr N P Bohidar – Kolkata
- 68 Dr Abhiram Paranjape – Nagpur
- 69 Dr Deepika Kedia –
- 70 Dr Samir Patil – Nagpur
- 71 Dr Haribhakti Seba Das – Cuttack
- 72 Dr Shreekant Soni –
- 73 Dr Devanand Mohapatra – Cuttack
- 74 Dr N C Singhal – Bihar
- 75 Dr Lorance Peter – Bangalore
- 76 Dr Mohammad Siddiqui – Bihar
- 77 Dr Harpreet Singh – Amritsar
- 78 Dr Manu Tandan – Secunderabad

- 79 Dr Rupa Banerjee – Hyderabad
- 80 Dr Neeraj Joshi –
- 81 Dr Nutan Desai – Mumbai
- 82 Dr Devendra Desai – Mumbai

Agenda

1. Condolence: The Secretary General of ISG announced the sad demise of two active members of our Society – Dr D N Amarpurkar, Mumbai and Dr P Murali Krishna, Visakhapatnam and their valuable contribution to Society and in the field of Gastroenterology. All members stood in silence for 2 minutes to pay homage to the departed esteemed members of ISG.
2. The minutes of 2016 meeting were discussed in brief and approved. Dr Subrat Kumar Acharya and Randhir Sud voted for approval.
3. The 57th annual conference of ISG was held at Delhi between December 15-18, 2016. The meeting was very well arranged. The members agreed and applauded the conduct of a very well planned ISGCON 2016 in New Delhi. The members congratulated the Delhi Chapter of the ISG, Dr Randhir Sud and Dr Neeraj Saraf, and their team for their untiring efforts.
4. This year too we ran three parallel sessions throughout the meeting and all the three halls, Liver, Endoscopy and Luminal gastroenterology were doing well. The Odisha Chapter of the ISG, Dr S P Singh, Dr Kedarnath Panda and their team had worked hard to make this conference a great success.
5. Membership: Secretary General announced that there are 2361 members of ISG including 68 new members enrolled during the current year. All applications received for life membership during the year were approved by Governing Council (GC) for life membership.
6. Members suggested that efforts be made by HODs for all their DM trainees to become members of ISG.
7. Secretary General presented to the General body about the suggestions of the Governing Council to revise the Life membership fees as per following:

Life membership revised from Rs 5000/- to Rs 10,000/-;
(2) SARC members from Rs 5000/- to Rs 15,000/- and
(3) Overseas members from US\$350 to US\$500.

The matter was discussed by the general body. While some members opined that a sum of 10,000/ may be too high for younger gastroenterologists, most members however agreed to the proposal. Since this is one time payment, no major objection was further raised.

The new membership fee will apply from Jan 15, 2018. This is to be notified on the web page of ISG.

3. Updating of addresses: websites, e-mails

Secretary General informed the members to update the addresses, together with e-mail and mobile numbers at the ISG stall in the exhibition area.

President suggested that the mail sent (by post) to the members to the available address is being returned undelivered and most of the members do not receive the ballot papers sent by post.

President suggested that the voting for ISG office bearers be done electronically and explained the success of IMA, Chennai Branch which was most successful.

Members felt that most of the members are not familiar with electronic voting. It was then decided to have the dummy system for e-voting and then proceed.

4. ISG Elections: Secretary General announced the ISG election results for the current year – President Elect -Dr Ajay Kumar, New Delhi, new Governing Council members – (a) Dr Ajay Jain, Indore and (b) Dr Usha Dutta, Chandigarh, and Dr Sandeep Nijhawan, Jaipur, Treasurer, ISG.

Members present congratulated the new ISG office bearers and look forward to their contribution to the Society during their tenure.

Secretary General also announced the names of outgoing members – Dr A C Anand, Past president, ISG and Dr Pramod K Garg as GC member.

Members thanked the outgoing members for their valuable contribution to the Society.

5. Updating of website: Secretary General informed that the Society has updated the ISG website in a new Outlook and members are requested to log in to – www.isg.org.in for all society information and forthcoming meetings and awards, also for submission of applications with last dates for each award. Members can also login to this site and have regular interaction with Society members.

6. Announcement of ISG Awards: Secretary General announced the names for the following awards given during 2017:

Friend of ISG Award	Mr. Marian D'Souza
ISG-P N Chhuttani Oration	Dr. S K Yachha
ISG-Zydus Oration	Dr. Govind K Makharia
ISG-C M Habibullah Oration	Dr. Chetna Vaishnavi
ISG-Dr S R Naik Memorial Award	Dr. SP Singh
ISG- Om Prakash Memorial Award	Dr. Vishal Sharma
ISG-F P Antia Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. Sohan Lal Broor

7. Secretary General announced the following awards for 2018:

ISG-P N Chhuttani Oration	Dr Vivek Anand Saraswat
ISG-C M Habibullah Oration	Dr Uday Chand Ghoshal

8. ISG Travel fellowships for attending APDW 2017: During the year, Society received 7 applications for "International Travel Fellowships" to attend the Asia Pacific Digestive Week held at Hong Kong between 23 - 26 September 2017. The travel grant was given to all the 7 applicants.

9. New Awards: Indian Journal of Gastroenterology (IJG) has announced an award for the most cited paper during the year, published 18 months prior. IJG Editorial Board in consultation with ISG, GC will draft the criteria for selection for this award and this is subject to approval by GC of ISG.

ISG-Medanta Award. Dr Randhir Sud – Medanta, New Delhi has announced an award of US\$3000.00 for advancement of skill in endoscopy. The criteria for this award will be drafted by Medanta and sent to ISG for approval by GC.

Deadline to submit the applications for all above listed awards is 31st July every year.

The criteria for listed new awards will be uploaded to ISG website after the approval by GC, ISG.

10. Secretary General announced the results of Editor of IJG. After the advertisement on ISG website, it received two applications for the post of Editor-in-Chief (EIC), IJG. Of the two applications, Dr Uday Chand Ghoshal, Lucknow was selected as new Editor in Chief, IJG. Society members welcomed the new Editor in Chief.

Society thanked the outgoing Editor in Chief, Prof B S Ramakrishna, for his dedicated work and time given to the Journal to keep the punctuality of schedule of publication and improve the quality of the Journal, which has resulted in increased citations of articles published in IJG.

In 2016, Thomson Reuters has selected *Indian Journal of Gastroenterology* to be included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index. Beginning with 2016, this publication indexed and abstracted in ESCI.

11. Secretary General informed the progress and the hard work done by each Task Force, either at national level or by state chapters, under the guidance of the coordinator for each Task Force. Those interested in joining the Task Force(s) may kindly download the information and questionnaire from the ISG website and contact the coordinators of the respective groups.

12. Secretary General informed the members of the activities of YCP and GYM.

13. Secretary General informed the members about initiation of a new program, Train the Trainers, to be launched in 2018.

14. The Secretary General presented to the General body about the need for making necessary amendments in the constitution of ISG. The General body approved. A Committee of

members is being constituted who will identify the points that need amendment. They will also suggest certain new clauses which may be included in the constitution. The Committee will present their suggestion to the Governing Council for discussion. These suggestions/amendments will be presented during the next General Body meeting, which is scheduled to be held in Cochin on Nov 28, 2018.

15. Secretary General informed the members about the formation of 4 new state chapters during the current year:
 - i) Andhra Pradesh State Chapter
 - ii) Punjab
 - iii) Uttarakhand
 - iv) North East State Chapter
16. Secretary General announced the venues for : (a) Cochin – 2018; (b) Kolkata – 2019 (APDW jointly with ISG) and (c) Bid application for 2020 to be submitted by the applicants only – State Chapter bidding for 2020 on their letter head and signed by the President and Secretary of the applying state chapter outlining the infrastructure available to hold ISG conference.
17. ISG Office: Formation of a Committee: Secretary General announced that the ISG is considering having its own office in Delhi and permanent staff to maintain the same. The members have given their consent to proceed with due approval by the GC, ISG. The members also discussed the option of applying for tax exemption under section 12-A.
18. Secretary General also presented the audited accounts of ISG for the period ending March 31, 2017.
19. Dr Usha Dutta suggested that the dates of ISGCON should be fixed and should be held before December starts. The institutions carry out DM exam in December and also there are vacations in December..
20. Secretary General thanked Dr. S P Misra for his dedicated and untiring efforts made to keep the ISG affairs smoothly moving during his tenure as Secretary General for two terms and as a President, ISG.
21. Secretary General thanked the members present for this meeting and giving valuable suggestions to improve some of the ISG activities.

Prof. Govind K Makharia
Secretary General, ISG