

## Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand

### Newsletter – September 2015

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### Presidential Message, ISSH



Dear Colleagues,

The conventional festive season is around the corner; however, ISSH has already started its (academic) festive celebrations. Two mega events, have just been completed, namely IFSSH – ISSH Regional Hand course held at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore and AIIMS-ISSH Wrist Cadaveric Course at AIIMS, New Delhi. The Annual meeting of ISSH is approaching fast in September. This meeting (ISSHCON) is being well attended generally as in the preceding years due to its rich scientific content.

In the next ISSHCON, the organizing secretary Dr. Shailesh Gupta and his team is all geared up to welcome you at Indore for this academic extravaganza from 25<sup>th</sup> September to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Still there is a long way ahead! Besides conferences, we need to focus on more courses, fellowships and coordinating research. We all have to move forward together.....

Looking forward to meet you all at Indore at soon,

**Prakash P. Kotwal**  
President, ISSH

From the Secretary's desk



Bringing out newsletter is like an audit of things/events of society. I will start from last year's annual conference which was held at Mangalore, which was real academic feast. Meeting was attended by eminent faculty which included Secretary-General, IFSSH Marc Garcia-Elias.

Dr. Sabapathy conducted IFSSH - South Asian Regional Course in Hand Surgery from July 3rd-5th 2015 in Coimbatore at Ganga hospital detailed report included in this news letter.

Cadaveric wrist course was conducted at AIIMS under guidance of Professor P. P. Kotwal on 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Report on this course follows in this newsletter. I request members to volunteer for this midterm activity and send a request to secretary ISSH via email to [handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com](mailto:handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com) latest by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015. If there is more than one request then it would be discussed in the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

This year we would be presenting membership certificates to all ISSH MEMBERS as discussed in last year's GBM. I request all the members to attend Indore conference which is to be held from 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015. I can assure you that there would be excellent scientific content with unmatched hospitality.

There is one unfinished work left, setting up protocols/guidelines for ISSH functioning and after approval from GBM/referendum include them in constitution for smooth functioning of ISSH.

This year I am finishing my term. I thank all the members for bestowing their faith and trust in me. I am looking forward to welcome you all at Indore, have a safe journey

**Vikas Gupta**  
Secretary - ISSH

### Note on AIIMS-ISSH Wrist Cadaveric Course 2015

Recently, we organized the AIIMS-ISSH Wrist Cadaveric Course 2015 under the aegis of Delhi Orthopedic Association on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Ramalingaswami Board Room, AIIMS, New Delhi. It was first one of its kind course in India on wrist, the most upcoming subspecialty in Hand surgery. The course was well attended and well appreciated by all delegates and faculty.



The course spanned over two days. Prof. Balram Airen, Dean, AIIMS graciously inaugurated this workshop and highlighted the importance of cadaveric training. We had a galaxy of hand surgeons as faculty from all over India namely Prof. P. P. Kotwal, Prof. Anil Dhal, Prof. Anil Bhat, Dr. N. K. Magu, Dr. Pankaj Jindal, Prof. Ravi Gupta, Dr. Anirban Chatterjee, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. Deepthi Reddy, Dr. Shailesh Gupta, Dr. Sudhir Warrier, Dr. Bhavuk Garg, Dr. Tahir Ansari and Dr. Vijay Digge.



Various learned faculty members from Delhi including Dr. Gurinder Bedi, Dr. Vivek Jangira, Dr. Vineet Dabas, Dr. Abhishek Sharma presented interesting cases with a lot of interactive academic exchange of thoughts with delegates and learned faculty. Distinguished senior faculty members like Prof. S. Bhan, Prof. M Farooque, Prof S Rastogi, Prof. Ajay Gupta, Dr. Ajit Sehgal, Prof. Ravi Mittal, Dr. Dhanajay Gupta, Prof. H. L. Nag, Dr. Anmol Maria, Prof. Ramesh Kumar chaired various sessions and enlightened both the faculty as well as delegates with their vast and enriched experience.

Almost all the topics related to wrist including distal radius, carpal injuries, various ligament injuries and carpal instabilities, wrist arthroscopy, carpal tunnel syndrome, various pain syndromes, congenital deformities etc. were dealt in details. Various surgical procedures and their minute details including their technological advances were also discussed. Re-live session in the form of edited videos of various important surgical procedures was also a much-appreciated part of this workshop.

Cadaveric workshop saw a great enthusiasm among delegates as well as among faculty. Delegates had a hands-on experience of various surgical approaches around wrist as well as performed some surgical procedures also namely carpal tunnel release and De Quervains' release. We would like to thank Dr. Sanjeev Lalvani and Dr. Sumit Sinha for their extensive support for this cadaveric workshop. A saw bone workshop was also organized and delegates practiced the application of newer variable angle distal radius plates and carpal fusion plates on saw bones.



Overall, this workshop was a grand success thanks to organizers, faculty, delegates and sponsors. Various delegates through feedback forms also validated this success. We hope and wish to organize more such courses in near future too.

Once again thanks to ISSH and DOA for their patronage.....

**Bhavuk Garg**  
Organizing Secretary



## **Report on the IFSSH – South Asian Regional Course in Hand Surgery, endorsed by IFSSH, held at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore from 3rd to 5th July, 2015**

The IFSSH sponsored South Asian Regional Live Hand Surgery Workshop was held at Ganga Hospital auditorium, Coimbatore, India. . It had prominent overseas faculty including the IFSSH President Dr. Michael Tonkin, Dr. Don Lalonde from Canada, Dr. Goo-Hyun Baek from South Korea, Dr. P.C. Ho from Hong Kong and Dr. Amit Gupta from USA were the overseas faculty and they were joined by the Ganga Hospital team of doctors.



293 delegates participated in the course and of them 37 were from overseas belonging to 18 nations. The conference was held in the comfortable Ganga Hospital auditorium. 24 live surgeries were demonstrated. It covered a wide range of procedures like cleft hand, syndactyly, brachial plexus nerve transfers, wrist arthroscopy, wide awake surgical demonstrations, tendon repair, tendon transfers and carpal injuries. At any one time 2 surgical procedures were demonstrated with the moderators helping the delegates to interact with the Surgeons. The demonstrations were so intensive that the hall was full till the very end. Every session started with 2 didactic presentations from the faculty and a total of 10 lectures were delivered.

It also had good social programmes. We had Banquet Dinners on the evening of 3rd and 4th July, its best during that time. On the evening of 4th July, Dr. P.C. Ho with his Harmonica and Dr. Amit Gupta with the Indian Drums (Tabla) entertained the people with the fusion of western and Indian music which provided an opportunity for the delegates to interact with the faculty.

The feedbacks that we got from the delegates were very complimentary both to the content of the course and the organization. Together it was a very rewarding experience to the delegates.

**Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy,**  
Course Chairman

## **Minutes of EC meeting held at TMA Pai Memorial Convention Centre, Mangalore on 14-11-14.**

Chaired by Dr. V.S Patil, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. G. Balakrishnan, Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. Prakash Kotwal, Dr. Jiten Kulkarni, Dr. Shailesh Gupta, Dr. Pankaj Ahire and Dr. Ashwath Acharya.

Topics discussed:

### **1) New members**

- a. Dr. Gupta informed about 16 applications for the membership of ISSH. Dr. S.Raja Sabapathy expressed the need for improving the drive for new membership for the same.

### **2) Filling of vacant post for the EC.**

- a. Dr. Gupta informed about the filling up of the vacant post for the EC members
  - i. 2 vacancies for the EC members. And one for the Post of Vice President.
  - ii. He told that he has received 5 nominations for the EC members post. (Dr. Praveen Bharadwaj, Dr. A. Wahegaonkar, Dr. Anil Mathew, Dr. Vivek).
  - iii. Dr. Balakrishnan enquired about the eligibility criteria and the duration since membership / number of meetings attended for each of them.
  - iv. There was only one application for the post of Vice President. EC ratified the approval for Dr. Ravi Gupta for the post.

### **3) Earnings and expenditures for the year 2013-14.**

- a. Dr. Gupta informed about the earnings (Rs.1,37,766) for the current academic year which included funds received from Amritsar (Rs.1,19,000) and Pune (Rs.23,000) meetings. He told that out of this, Rs. 1,00,000 has been transferred to the Trustee. Rs. 5000 has been given for the best paper award for the Pune meetings.

### **4) Trustee report.**

- a. Dr. Balakrishnan circulated the Trustee report for the current year.
- b. He was delighted to inform about the earnings from the IFSSH 2013 meeting in New Delhi which amounted to Rs.18 Lacs approx. out of which half the amount came to the ISSH and the remaining went to the IFSSH. Other earnings were from the Amritsar and Pune meetings. Additionally Rs. 4 lacs came from sale of Acland's Books.
- c. He sought the approval of the members to allocate additional funds for Acland's Fellowship (Rs. 500,000), IFSSH and APFSSH dues (Rs. 4,00,000 each), ISSH conference Orations (Rs. 50,000 each).
- d. Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy elaborated further on the sale of Acland's Books. He told that 2000 books have been printed out of which 1500 were shipped to Europe (priced 14 euros each) directly by the printers. 500 books have been kept for sale in India (Rs.500 each)). He said that this will generate additional revenue of Rs. 4,00,000 for the ISSH.
- e. Dr. Balakrishnan sought the approval of members to change the trustee account from Canara Bank to the State Bank of Mysore in view of technical problems and difficulties in working with the former.

### **5) Meditube**

- a. The members sought information on the concept of Meditube from Dr. Sathish Bhat who had circulated the concept of generating revenue for the Society from the edited videos of the Mangalore Conference. These videos will be uploaded by the website portal which will be available through a nominal subscription fee for any online viewer. He proposed that the revenue generated will be shared between the portal, authors and

the ISSH/Conference Organizers. The members asked about the procedural details on how this concept works.

- b. The main concern raised by the members was pertaining to the problems of privacy of the patients shown in the academic talks and piracy violations in case of quotations/citations from textbooks/journals. Dr. Raja Sabapathy and Dr. Balakrishnan raised the questions on the responsibilities with respect to the content, the administrative work involved and the role for ISSH. They suggested that one person from the plastic surgery field and one from orthopaedic background should take responsibility and workout on the knowhow of this concept. The members decided to nominate Dr. Satish Bhat and Dr. Jagannath Kamath for this program.

**6) Committee for new guidelines for the Association:**

- a. Considering the necessity and growing need for rules and guidelines in carrying out day to day activities of ISSH, especially with respect to academic and administrative work, the EC decided to appoint a new 5 member committee. This committee will prepare a provisional blue book of rules/guidelines and regulations which will help the Society in taking future decisions with respect to its different activities. The Committee will comprise Dr. Balakrishnan, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. P. P. Kotwal and Dr. Ahire.

**7) Decision about fellowship.**

- a. ISSH Inland Travelling Fellowship:
  - i. There were 2 nominations for this fellowship one from Dr. Samrat Taori and Dr. Parag Lad. The members decided to give the fellowship to Dr. Taori considering his seniority and previous year's application.
- b. Acland's International Travelling Fellowship:
  - i. There were 2 nominations, one from Dr. Praveen Bhardwaj and Dr. Abhijeet Wahegaonkar. Considering his seniority it was decided to give it to Dr. Wahegaonkar.

**8) International news**

- a. Dr. Raja Sabapathy gave information on the proceedings over the last one year in the International Societies. He informed that he has been appointed Secretary General for the APFSSH with Yuan Kun Tu becoming the new President and Goo Hyun Baek becoming the vice president and the editor for the Hand Surgery journal.
- b. He said that he has been given the responsibility to bring up and update the APSSSH website and encourage circulation of its Official journal (Hand Surgery). The Journal's office now has been shifted to Korea under Dr. Baek as he takes over from Dr. Akio Minami. He lamented their EC's concerns of poor statistics of literature work and subscription of journal from India.
- c. He said that they have come up with the concept of Regional Course of Hand Surgery one of which will be conducted by him in July' 15 in Coimbatore. Details of this program will be released sometime in December' 14.
- d. The next meeting will be held in Philippines in the year 2017.
- e. In the IFSSH, he informed that they have introduced the new Kleinert's Visiting Professorship which will be partly sponsored by the IFSSH and the member societies. It comes as tribute to one of the doyens who took commendable effort in training and

educating Hand Surgeons across the world. The concept involves a renowned authority in Hand Surgery visiting at the invitation of another member Hand Society, various centres in that country and attending its conferences or workshops. The aim is to teach and educate members of other hand societies and propagate the importance of Hand Surgery. The IFSSH will be receiving nominations from all its members for one fellowship each year.

- f. He mentioned the need for more subscription for the Asia Pacific volume of the Hand Surgery Journal.

Dr Gupta concluded by thanking all the members of executive council.

### **Minutes of G B Meeting of the ISSH held at TMA Pai Convention Centre in Mangalore 15-11-14**

Chaired By Dr. V.S Patil, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. P.Kotwal, Dr. G. Balakrishnan, Dr. Ravi Gupta

#### **Trustee report**

- a. The meeting started off with the Trustee report given by Dr. Balakrishnan. He informed that the trust has received Rs. 23,000 from the earnings of Pune conference.
- b. He informed about the earnings from the IFSSH 2013 meeting in New Delhi which amounted to Rs.18 lacs approx. out of which half the amount came to the ISSH and the remaining went to the IFSSH. Additionally Rs. 4 lacs came from sale of Acland's Books.
- c. He sought the approval of the house to allocate additional funds for Acland's Fellowship (Rs. 500,000), IFSSH and APFSSH dues(Rs. 400,000 each), ISSH conference Orations(Rs. 50,000 each).
- d. Dr. Raja Sabapathy elaborated further on the sale of Acland's Books. He told that 2000 books have been printed out of which 1500 were shipped to Europe (priced 14 euros each) directly by the printers. 500 books have been kept for sale in India (Rs.500 each)).he said that this will generate additional revenue of Rs. 400,000 for the ISSH.
- e. After getting the approval of the house for the report, he hoped that after reaching a landmark target of Rs. 50 lacs in the account the days are not far when it reaches dream of Rs.1 crore.
- f. Dr. Vikas Gupta informed that 16 new members have been inducted to the ISSH. In view of this an amount Rs. 80,000 has been generated for the trust. He informed the house about the expenditure incurred for the current academic year. He informed about the earnings (137,766) which included funds received from Amritsar (Rs.119,000) and Pune (Rs.23,000) meetings. He told that out of this, Rs. 100,000 has been transferred to the Trustee. Rs. 5000 has been given for the best paper award for the Pune meetings.

#### **Meditube**

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viewer. He proposed that the revenue generated will be shared between the portal, authors and the ISSH/Conference Organizers.

b. Dr. Raja Sabapathy and Dr. Balakrishnan raised the questions on the responsibilities with respect to the content, the administrative work involved and the role for ISSH.

c. The main concern raised by the members was pertaining to the problems of privacy of the patients shown in the academic talks and piracy/copyright violations in case of quotations/citations from textbooks/journals. The members expressed the lack of awareness about the implications of the above problems.

d. Dr. Ravi Gupta highlighted legal implications as it involved a private party working for commercial benefit/profit. He cautioned that a legal opinion from an authority in the field of publications would be valuable. He stressed that any consent from the parties has to be in written format.

e. Dr. Ravi Mahajan wanted to know whether the final edited document /talk will be shown to the author before it is uploaded.

f. Dr. Satish Bhat argued for the program as it involved significant revenue for the authors and the ISSH. He reassured the house that he will proceed only after getting the final approval from the EC and ISSH members. Dr. Balakrishnan mentioned that this has been extensively discussed in the EC meeting and the Secretary is working on the modalities for further action. It was told in the house that one person from the plastic surgery field and one from orthopaedic background will take responsibility and workout on the knowhow of this concept. The members decided to approve Dr. Sathish Bhat and Dr. Jagannath Kamath for this program.

#### **Committee for new guidelines for the Association:**

Dr. Vikas Gupta informed about the necessity and growing need for rules and guidelines in carrying out day to day activities of ISSH, especially with respect to academic and administrative work. He said that it will work out the different protocols for membership of ISSH, EC, eligibility for ISSH fellowships, organizing conferences/CME programs etc. The EC decided to appoint a new 5 member committee. This committee will prepare a provisional blue book of rules/guidelines and regulations which will help the Society in taking future decisions with respect to its different activities. The Committee will comprise Dr. Balakrishnan, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. Kotwal and Dr. Ahire. The house approved their names. Dr. Ravi Gupta said that we should take the help of other organizations where written protocols are already in existence.

#### **Fellowships:**

Dr. Anand Chandak was given the cheque for the ISSH travelling fellowship for the year 2013-14. The house approved the EC decision to give Dr. Samrat Taori the ISSH travelling fellowship for the year 2014-15.

Dr. Abhijeet Wahegaonkar was selected for the Acland's International Travelling fellowship for the year 2014-15.

#### **EC new Members:**

The house also approved the appointment of Dr. Praveen Bharadwaj and Dr. Anil Mathew for the 2 vacant posts for the EC member.

Dr. Ravi Gupta was unanimously elected for the post of Vice president of ISSH.

Dr. Vikas Gupta mentioned that we should be given a certificate of the ISSH membership which will be helpful for the members in their academic and professional work. Various suggestions were given by the members including the concept of a smart card. Dr. Shailesh Gupta was given the responsibility to come up with a design and arrange for its printing. He promised to work on this and take opinion of the members via e-mail.

Dr. Ravi Gupta reminded whether the need for Secretary Elect would be useful as discussed in the Nashik meeting. Dr. Raja Sabapathy told that the opinion of the 5 member committee will come up in the coming year.

Dr. V.S Patil congratulated Dr. Prakash Kotwal on becoming the new president of the ISSH. He takes over as president for the next 2 years. He thanked the members for electing him and hoped to take the organization further forward in the coming years.

### **Academic programs**

Dr. Vikas Gupta talked about the future of the academic work and the need for additional conferences and CME programs.

Dr. Anil Bhat and Dr. Shailesh Gupta stressed the need for mid-term conference program or symposia in the near future. Dr. Pankaj Ahire asked about the qualification for conducting such programs for which Dr. Vikas Gupta suggested the upcoming bluebook of guidelines. The house approved Dr. Kotwal's offer to hold such a program in the coming year.

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f. Dr. Anirban Chatterjee asked if it is possible to restore the subscription of the JHS ( European volume). He mentioned that with new technology it may be possible to control the number of users more

strictly. Dr. Raja Sabapathy expressed his reluctance in pursuing this matter further in view of poor response for subscription in the past and additional problem of pilferage. He stressed that there was a good opportunity for subscribing the Asia-Pacific volume for a negotiable price which came up to Rs.15,000. He gave the example of the Japanese society where the entire member subscribes for the journal. Dr. Pankaj Ahire suggested that the amount for the year be collected from the conference registration in addition.

In the end Dr.Patil concluded GBM by thanking all the members

## **From the Desk of Organizing Secretary**

Dear friends

Seasons Greeting,

As you are aware that we at Indore, MP, India are holding 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Society for Surgery of Hand on 25,26,27 Sept .The preparations are going in full swing .On behalf of organizing committee, I request you to come and join the conference and enjoy the good academic feast along with warm hospitality. Most of the scientific program is already finalized and you can see on conference website: [www.isscon2015.com](http://www.isscon2015.com)

This time Prof B.B. Joshi Oration will be delivered by Dr. P. C. Ho from Hong Kong and Prof. Venkataswami oration will be delivered by Prof. Fuminori Kanaya from Japan.



Dr PC Ho



Prof Fuminori Kanaya

India's first ever cadaveric wrist arthroscopy workshop you all will enjoy your stay will be held during this conference.

Indore is cultural & business capital of MP. The climate during the conference period is going to be pleasant .We hope you all will enjoy your stay at Indore.

Looking forward to see you at Indore



**Dr. Shailesh Gupta**  
Org. Secretary  
ISSHCON2015

### **Notice of the Meeting of the Executive Council of the ISSH**

Notice is hereby given for the meeting of the Executive Council of the ISSH to be held at Sayaji hotel in Indore on Friday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 4.30 PM. All members of Executive Council are requested to attend the meeting.

### **Notice of the Meeting of the General Body of the ISSH**

Notice is hereby given for the meeting of the General Body of the ISSH to be held at Sayaji hotel in Indore on Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 5PM. All members of ISSH are requested to attend the meeting.

### **Election of Members to the Executive Council of the ISSH**

1. Two members for the Executive Committee
2. Post of Secretary – one post

Please send your nominations to the secretary ISSH before 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015 to our Secretary at [handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com](mailto:handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com)

### **Fellowships of ISSH**

#### **Dr. Robert Acland – S & T Overseas Travelling Fellowship award**

The Robert Acland and S&T overseas travelling fellowship is intended for senior ISSH members who have shown a commitment to Hand surgery and are capable of projecting Indian Hand Surgery in an international forum. The corpus was built by the sale of the Manual of Micro vascular Surgery, the copyright of which was donated to the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand by Prof. Acland. The ISSH also thanks Mr. Markus Springler of S&T for making the overseas distribution possible.

The conditions of the award are given below. Application could be sent to the Secretary by email at [handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com](mailto:handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015.

#### **Fellowship Guidelines**

1. Each year one candidate will be chosen for the Fellowship and it carries an award of Rs. One Lakh only.
2. The awardees must have done considerable work in Hand Surgery and must serve as an ambassador for Indian Hand Surgery.
3. The applicant must have been a member of the ISSH for at least 7 years.
4. He must have attended at least 3 annual meetings of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand in the past 7 years.
5. The fund could be utilized by the Fellow for attending an International Hand / Microsurgery meeting to present a paper and / or spend a few weeks in a reputed centre with prior concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand.
6. 50 % of the sum would be made available for the candidate before the departure. On completion of the Fellowship, the Fellow must send in a report to the Secretary, ISSH to become eligible for the disbursement of the remaining amount.

7. The Overseas Traveling Fellow will make a presentation about his experience in the subsequent annual meeting when the award will be given during the Inaugural Ceremony.

8. The selection of the fellow will be done by the Executive Committee of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand.

### **ISSH Inland Fellowship Society for Surgery of the Hand 2015**

Application could be sent to the Secretary by email at [handsurgerclinic@gmail.com](mailto:handsurgerclinic@gmail.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2015

#### **Selection criteria for ISSH inland fellowship**

1. Life member of ISSH
2. Should have attended at least 2 annual ISSH meetings after full membership
3. Identified the institution for attachment during the fellowship
4. Minimum duration of 3 weeks
5. Submission of utilization report
6. Report to be presented at the annual ISSH meeting
7. The EC can waive this requirement in exceptional circumstance only if the member submits in writing to the Secretary the reasons for not attending the ISSH annual meeting.
8. Fellowship award will be presented to the applicant following submission of report

#### **Special offer of the official Journal of Hand Surgery of the Asian Pacific Federation for Surgery of the Hand to the members of Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand.**

The Asia Pacific Journal of Hand Surgery is getting a new look with enhanced number of pages and content. The new editor Dr. Goo-Hyun Baek has done enormous work for the same. For the year 2016 Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy has negotiated a special subscription rate for the members of the ISSH. The Subscription rate is Rs.5,000/- per year payable in the name of “**Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand**”. The plan is to get all the issues to the central secretariat and courier them separately to individuals in India. In this way the reach will also get confirmed. This will be possible only if we get sufficient number of members. We have had quite a few subscriptions during the Hand Surgery Course at Ganga Hospital recently and we do hope that we will have enough support from our members. Please bring in your cheques when you come to the Indore meeting. By subscribing to the international journal it will be a good step in making our presence wide in the international arena of publication world.

#### **Future Meetings:**

#### **Ganga Hand Therapy Course 2015 – 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 Venue: Ganga Hospital Auditorium, Coimbatore.**

For details please contact Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy, Course Chairman, Ganga Hospital, 313, Mettupalayam Road, Coimbatore – 641 043 Email: [rajahand@gmail.com](mailto:rajahand@gmail.com)

#### **8<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Brachial Plexus Surgery Group of India (Brachialcon2015) – 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Venue – Jaipur**

For details visit – [www.brachialcon2015jaipur.com](http://www.brachialcon2015jaipur.com)

**60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Orthopaedic Association ( IOACON 2015) – 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. Venue – Jaipur**

For details visit : [www.ioacon2015.org](http://www.ioacon2015.org)

**Association of Plastic Surgeons of India Conference (APSICON 2015) – 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December, Mumbai**

For details visit – [www.apsicon2015.com](http://www.apsicon2015.com)

**Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand Conference (ISSHCON 2016) – 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 to be held at Ranchi**

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Pre and post conference trips to Bodh Gaya will be arranged.

**13<sup>th</sup> IFSSH and 10<sup>th</sup> IFSHT Congress – 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 will be held at Beunos Aires, Argentina.**

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