

## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 2006

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 14/07/2006 AT MASCOT HOTEL, TRIVANDRUM

The meeting was called to order by the president at 5.15pm. The president welcomed all the members. The minutes of the Annual General Body meeting held on 18/02/2006 was presented and passed. The secretary reported about the activities of the Association during the last 5 months. During this period a newsletter was circulated among the members and the website is in the process of updating. Preliminary work has been done to conduct an international workshop at Calicut in March 2007 in association with Endourology Division of USI and the Asian Society of Endourology. The Hon. Treasurer informed that the audited accounts could not be presented because of some clerical error at the Accountant's office, which is being rectified. He assured that all the papers are in order and the finances of the Association is very good and promised to present the audited report late.

UAK Awards:

Dr. Sudheer Sukumar of AIMS, Kochi, was the winner of prof.P. Subramonian Memmorial Travelling Fellowship.

Uro Quiz 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Dr. Renu Thomas of Trivandrum.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Dr. Joju Varghese of Trivandrum.

Komaranchath prize for Best publication done during 2005 -2006 was awarded to Dr. T.A.Kishore for the paper 'virtual Cystoscopy by Intravesical Instillation of Dilute Contrast Medium –Preliminary Experience' published in the Journal of Urology, March 2006.

P.A.Abraham Travel Fellowship was awarded to Dr.K.V.Vinod of Trivandrum.

Prof. Appu Thomas was awarded the UAK Oration for 2007.

Dr. Suresh Bhat was elected as the Quiz master for UAKON 2007. Prof.P.Subramonian memorial traveling fellowship quiz will be conducted by Dr.G.Venugopal.

Review Article for 2007 is Androgen replacement in Aging male.

Prof.Albert and Dr.Suresh Bhat agreed to conduct the UAKON 2007 at kottayam and the General Body approved the proposal. The date and venue will be intimated later.

Dr.V.N.Moni, Organising secretary of UROLAPCON 2007 discussed about the workshop and requested all the members to co-operate in fund raising and also to select patients for the workshop. Prof.Roy Chally suggested the UAK to inform all the members about the workshop and to select suitable patients for Lap Surgery and RIRS. It was offered that all the cases selected will be operated free of cost. It was

suggested that the local urologist should select the patients and to register them at his center and to send the details to the Organizing Committee two weeks before the workshop. The Organizing committee will inform all the concerned members about the cases selected for workshop. These suggestions were approved by the General Body. The Hon. Secretary suggested about the need for starting a Journal for our Association. After a lot of discussions, it was decided to start the preliminary work of starting the Kerala urology journal. Dr. Suresh Bhat has been selected as the Chief Editor of the journal and Dr. P. Harigovind and Dr. K.V.V.Vinod as Associate Editors. Hon. Secretary pointed out the need for starting a research projects, especially in teaching institutions. It was decided that the Association will support research projects and also will provide financial support for the projects. The association will try to get financial support for this project from well-wishers. If we are not able to raise enough funds, the Association will finance these projects. Prof. Roy Chally was requested to be the Chairman of the Research project and he accepted the request.

It was decided to do some charity work by our Association and the Executive Committee was entrusted to probe into the feasibility of doing this in the form of Medical Camps, financial Assistance to poor patients with urological problems etc.

It was observed that the participation from the postgraduates in academic activities are becoming very poor and this view was accepted by all the Senior Faculty members in the General Body. It was decided that the Head of the Departments and faculty members in Teaching Institution should take all the efforts to make postgraduates involved in academic activities, research work and publication of scientific materials. The General Body decided to update our website by the association itself. The association will finance for updating the website and we can collect the advertisement charges from the sponsors. The feasibility of having some insurance plans for patients with urological problems were discussed. It was also discussed whether the Association in some way promote insurance plans for these patients. Dr. Darwin was entrusted to look in this matter and to get a detailed report later. The Hon. Secretary thanked all the members for their co-operation. The General Body concluded at 5.45pm