

Minutes of Annual General body meeting of Urological Association of Kerala on 19/10/19 ,
Mascot hotel, Thiruvananthapuram

The meeting was called to order by President Dr Syam K Ramesh at 5pm.

Copies of the minutes of the previous AGM held on Nov 24th 2018 at Casino Convention centre, Thrissur was circulated. Members went through the same. Minutes were passed (proposed by Dr Hamza Thayyil and seconded by Dr Sivaramakrishnan).

Secretary s report

The first task immediately after UAKON 2018 was to get our Association out of the legal problems due to the case filed by our past President Dr H Krishnamoorthy against the association. Details about the case has been discussed in AGM at Thrissur in November 2018. The case was fought through an advocate. The stay order was vacated. Reply was also given to the defamatory notices which Dr Krishnamoorthy had sent to six members of the association in connection with this. There was no further proceedings on this.

The amendments passed in the AGM in Thrissur were registered with the Registrar office , Kozhikode and a certified copy has been obtained. The amended and updated constitution has been uploaded in our website.

PG academic programme, GUIDE 2019 was conducted by Dr T P Rajeev and his team at K S Hegde institute in April 28th 2019. The programme was well attended by post graduates.

Total of 4 executive committee meeting, 1 in each quarter was held.

Following applications were received for membership

Conversion to full member and full members

1. Dr Shreedhar G K - AIMS, Kochi
2. Dr Anil Mani - Moulana Hospital, Perinthalmanna
3. Dr Praveen Gopi
4. Dr Agish M A

Associate members

1. Dr A Sudhan Kumar
2. Dr John Peter
3. Dr ShubhenduBhaduri
4. Dr Krishnamohan B
5. Dr Prabhu Anand
6. Dr Aravind Ganapath
7. Dr Ravi Chandran
8. Dr Mebin Thomas
9. Dr Alphonse Jithin
10. Dr Raju Ranjan
11. Dr Rakesh P
12. Dr Naveen Kanakaraj

The participation by members in this annual conference as well has been very good. Total of 19 papers; 11 videos and 12 posters were received and accepted after review by 2 reviewers. The best 6 in each category was taken for prize session. I thank all the reviewers on this occasion. The academic programme was planned trying to cover all sub specialities in Urology.

Second one was pre conference workshop on Urogynecology conducted along with UAKON 2019 in Thiruvananthapuram.

Prizes for this year

Komaranchath prize- Dr Ginil Kumar, AIMS, Kochi

P Subramaniam PG travel fellowship- Dr Himanshu Sharma Aster Medcity, Kochi

P A Abraham members traveling fellowship- Dr Vishnu, Aster Medcity,

UAK is now accredited with TCMC for conducting any academic programme for next 3 years

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The preparation for USICON 2020 is going on smoothly since the Thrissur AGM, with no hurdles in the way.

Important tasks ahead

- USICON 2020
- Improving quality of newsletter
- Updation of website and
- Updation of handbook

Really thank President Dr Syam sir for being there always and supporting in all activities and ensuring smooth functioning of the Association.

The report was passed, proposed by Dr Vinod, seconded by Dr Balagopal

Treasurers report-

Treasurers report was circulated and passed.

Total income was around ₹8,00,000/- including amount from, UAKON 2017 at Kasaragod and Neurovesicon 2018 at Kochi. Main expenditure was the charges for the legal matters which amounted to Rs 45,000/-

The report was passed, proposed by Dr Sivaramakrishnan and seconded by Dr Hamza Thayyil

Editorial secretary s report- In the absence of Hon.Editorial Secretary, Dr Biju Pillai, Hon.Secretary presented the report. Editorial secretary had circulated a newsletter in February 2019, without incorporating the modifications suggested by the council. The EC took serious note of this and had sought an explanation for which he has not responded. He has not attended any EC meetings after that. Hence EC entrusted Secretary to take over the management of website and Newsletter. A newsletter was brought out in September 2019. GB thought this was serious dereliction of duty on part of Dr Biju. Dr Vinod enquired why no action was taken by the EC against Dr Biju , since failure to attend EC meetings more than two times amounts to disqualification of the post and newsletter remaining stagnant for a year was not acceptable. Dr Vinod said that decisions should be taken as per constitution.

Treasurer informed that the auditor is doing a good job, and GB confirmed that he will continue as auditor of UAK, proposed by Dr Prasad and seconded by Dr Aziz.

Accounts of Neurovesicon 2018- Treasurer informed the accounts are settled but for a technical issue. The bills and receipts of the conference were submitted only in January

2019 event though he had informed EC in November 2018 that it is submitted to the auditor. Till now the passbook is not submitted even after repeated reminders from EC. Being a conference conducted under UAK, the auditor has audited the account and incorporated into UAK account and has commented about the absent pass book.

Dr Vinod said that to prevent such malpractice in the future, one of the office bearers of UAK should have the viewing rights of the account and be in a position to manage the account. Dr Fredrick added that this was deliberated in the EC and it was decided to have a written MOU with the organisers when UAK PAN Card is being used. Dr Prasad added that since this account was opened with UAK PAN Card, we have the right to request for a duplicate pass book from the bank.

Report of UAKON 2018 by Dr Venuchandran- he presented a brief report. More than 180 delegates participated the conference held on Nov 23-25 2018. Pre conference workshop was held on Nov 23rd on Advances in surgical management of BPH, conducted by Dr Ganesh Gopalakrishnan. The highlight was video conferencing from UK by Dr Anand on prostatic urethral lift. Quiz was conducted by Dr Harikrishnan. Following that Dr Roy Chally sir was felicitated by his students .

The conference included invited talks, papers, posters and video presentation. It was inaugurated by Dr Unnikrishnan, Dean of KUHS. Dr Ganesh Gopalakrishnan, Dr P Venugopal and Dr Kandasami were honoured. Banquet was well appreciated, included traditional Trichur art and culture. Dr Makarand Kochikar delivered the Roy Chally oration. Dr Joseph Thomas spoke on ethics in publication. Dr Syam K Ramesh took over as President. Dr Venuchandran handed over a cheque of ₹ 50000/- to UAK, this in spite the problems they faced with GST, and lack of support from pharma company citing demonetisation etc. GB appreciated their effort.

SZUSICON 2018- Dr Hamza informed in spite of all the hardships, they could conduct the conference in the best possible way. Even in such adverse situation, with the efforts of Dr Poullose, Dr Rajeevan and others they could make the conference financially viable and could make a surplus. He handed over a cheque of ₹ 3,00,000/- to UAK. This was well appreciated by the members and a standing ovation was given to to the Calicut Urology club team.

Report of GUIDE 2019. In the absence of Dr T P Rajeev , the secretary read out the report send to him

The Department of Urology, K S Hegde Medical Academy, Mangalore in association with Urological Association of Kerala (UAK) has organized GUIDE 19 (Genito Urinary Image Directed Education), a one day PG teaching program in Uro-radiology on 28th April, 2019. The program was held at Chintana Hall, 2nd floor, K.S. Hegde Medical Academy, Nitte Deemed to be University between 9.00AM to 5.30PM. The registration fee for the PG academic program was free for all the delegates.

Dr. Rajeev T.P Prof & HOD, Department of Urology welcomed the gathering. The program was inaugurated by Prof (Dr) Satheesh Kumar Bhandary, honorable Vice Chancellor, NITTE (Deemed to be University). Prof. P. Venugopal, Emeritus Professor of Urology talked on the occasion. Dr. Vijay Radhakrishnan, Honorable secretary, UAK attended the inaugural function.

The program was attended by 80 Post Graduates from the department of Urology and Radiodiagnosis. Talks about basic Uro-radiological techniques, advanced radiological investigations and interventional radiology were given by eminent guest faculty from Mangalore and Kerala.

The topics covered were basics of conventional ultrasound (Dr. Ashwin Kumar), Transrectal ultrasound (Dr. Anand Venugopal), X-ray KUB (Dr. G.G. Laxman Prabhu), Intravenous Urogram (Dr. Suresh Bhat), Dynamic Renal Nuclear Scanning (Dr. Maharajan R), PET Scan (Dr. Sujith Rai), CT Scan (Dr. Devdas Acharya), MRI prostate (Dr. Raghuraj.U) and Angio interventions (Dr. Subramanyam K). The Interactive case based discussions for Post Graduates were discussed by Dr. Suresh Bhat, Dr. Nishchit D'souza, Dr. Suraj Hegde and Dr. Narendra Pai.

GUIDE 19 Quiz was conducted by Dr. Rajeev T P at the end of the function. Dr. Pramod Adiga (Urology PG institute of Nephro Urology, Bangalore) won 1st prize and Dr. Jeevan Kumar (Urology PG, Yenapoya Medical College) got 2nd prize as the in GUIDE 19 Uro Quiz. The faculty and the delegates have well appreciated the Academic feast and the hospitality provided for GUIDE 19.

Awards and prizes UAK 2019

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Academic programme of UAK for 2020

Combined mid term and PG academic programme- Proposal from Dept of Urology , GMC Kozhikode to conduct. Along with CALICUT Urology club and UAK in the month of April- May 2020. GB approved it

UAKON 2020- Dr Haris CH suggested Kottayam as venue for UAKON 2020. Dept of Urology GMC Kottayam was willing to conduct. Dr Vinod enquired whether it will be conducted by Department of Urology or a city club. Dr Krishnaprasad said it will better to leave it to the organisers to decide. Forming a club is not a difficult task if they want to and can be conducted with the PAN Card of the club. Dr Fredrick informed that there are logistics issue in forming a club, with limited members. Dr Nebu added that if The conference is held under the PAN Card all the surplus money should come to UAK. Dr Vinod suggested that from the surplus money, an amount can be given as charity to Dept of Urology, GMC Kottayam. Dr Krishnaprasad raised the problem of organising the meeting without sufficient members in the local area. Dr Harris told that there are many seniors members, nephrology colleagues and post graduates in Kottayam which is sufficient to organise the state conference. GB decided to conduct the conference under the PAN Card of UAK with 50% of surplus amount, if any, being handed over to the Dept of Urology GMC Kottayam for charity activities. Proposed by Dr Vinod and seconded by Dr Hamza

Orator for 2020- Dr D Ramesh from Bangalore (2nd option- Dr Keshavmurthy , 3rd option- Dr Keshavmurthy)

Quiz master for 2020- Dr Rajanikanth from Kollam

Review article for 2020- Management of Adult reflux

There were no resolutions or Proposal for constitutional amendments- not received.
Election of office bearers. Dr Nebu Isaac Mammen was the returning officer.
All the applications were in order and election was unopposed

President Elect- Dr Prasad Cheeramattom
Secretary- Dr Fredrick Paul
Treasurer- Dr Vijay Radhakrishnan
Joint Secretary- Dr Arun B
Council members - Dr Muraleedharan K P
- Dr Sanjeevan K V
- Dr Manikandan M

President for 2019- 20 - Since there is no President Elect, President has to be elected from the floor as per the constitution. Dr Vinod K V proposed the name of Dr Abdul Aziz as the next President. Dr Arun B seconded. There were no other proposals from the floor. GB unanimously elected Dr Abdul Aziz as the President.

Editorial secretary- Dr Mohammed Farooq - proposed by Dr Vinod and seconded by Dr Prasad

Council member- Dr JojuAkkara proposed by Dr Hamza and seconded by Dr Krishnaprasad
President thanked Dr Nebu for his efforts.

Legal matters -

Secretary briefly explained the legal problems which has been already deliberated in the AGM in Nov 2018 at Thrissur. Association has proceeded in the proper channel complying all procedures through an advocate. The injunction order has been vacated. Reply has been given to defamatory notices received by the UAK members in this connection. Our legal expenses so far is Rs.45,000/-. The members discussed the issue at length. Dr Abdul Aziz suggested definite action against such a member who has put us in the legal tangle. Dr Krishnaprasad said that if one member misbehaves, we should not follow the same. We should show maturity and try to get him back to the fold. Members requested opinion from Dr Roy Chally sir regarding this. He said Dr Krishnamoorthy has definitely misbehaved but we should show our magnanimity in pardoning him. Dr Vinod also said we should pardon him this time and not prolong this controversy anymore. Dr Sanjeevan said whether this means any member can just take the Association to court and just escape like this. Dr Fredrick said that he should at least apologise to the GB. But in spite of serving numerous notices, he never replied to any of them. President – Dr Syam K Ramesh said that we should show our magnanimity and pardon Dr Krishnamoorthy until further provocation from his side. GB agreed on this unanimously.

USICON 2020- Dr Vinod K V updated the GB about the preparation done so far. He said from this time USICON will be conducted directly by USI, with UAK as local organising committee. Account opened in Federal Bank, Kottayam . GST registration was already done. He informed about various committees and their function. He briefly explained the programmes planned during the conference days.

Registration is being done using an international platform called Cvent.

USICON app will be very dynamic and most of the things like registration, meeting schedule quiz participation can be done with the app.

One day Nurses programme is being planned where Nurses/ technicians can participate. Technology session will be conducted by USI. USI will directly conduct the skill lab, with 4 modules- PCNL, RIRS, TURP, laparoscopy , running on all 4 days. Registration for the skill labs will be done through USI.

About 30-35 foreign faculty is expected with multiple joint sessions. The complete academic session will be video streamed and can be accessed through YouTube link.

Posters will be displayed on a touch screen.

Finance committee is being headed by Dr Prasad Cheeramattom and is being managed well. Accounts is being managed by M/s Nibin associates. GST is being filed every month. First tax return also filed.

Letters from members - secretary informed that no letters were received.

Any other matter - Dr Arun on behalf of Trivandrum Urology club expressed their interest in hosting Annual ASU meeting SZUSICON in 2022. The same has been forwarded officially to UAK office. GB accepted the proposal and requested the secretary to put forward he request to ASU.

As there was no other matter to be discussed the meeting was concluded at 7 pm.