



Summarized Minutes of the 6th Annual Assembly of the INDO-US Academic Council for Emergency and Trauma (ACET) held at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India 30th September 2011 simultaneously alongside the 7th INDO-US Emergency Medicine Summit held from 28th September to 2nd October 2011 at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi in partnership with University College of Medical sciences, New Delhi, India.



This Meeting was jointly held with the Fellows of the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India (ACEE-INDIA) and the Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India (ACEN-INDIA)

Date: 30 September 2011
Time: 1600 Hours
Venue: Board Room, AIIMS

The Following Leaders attended the Annual Meeting of the Academic Council:

Dr. Abhijeet Saha, PGIMER and RML Hospital, New Delhi

Dr. Akhilesh Agarwal, GSVM Medical College, Kanpur

Dr. Amer Zahoor Syed, Sher-I-kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar

Dr. Anil Kumar Goel, Army College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

Dr. Anita Sharma, Himalaya Institute of Medical Sciences, Uttarakhand

Dr. Anurag Chhabra, Maharaja Agrasen Medical College, Agroha, Hissar

Dr. Ashish Bhalla, PGIMER Chandigarh

Dr. Ashok C. Upadhyaya, Nizam's Institute Of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad

Dr. Bhavesh Janwani NHL Medical College, Ahmadabad

Dr. Chanaveerappa Bammigatti, JIPMER, Puducherry

Dr. Indira Samant Yog, VCSGGMS & RI Srinagar, Uttarakhand

Dr. Jitendra R. Darshan, Surat Municipal Institute of Medical Education & Research, Surat

Dr. Kalpana Kelkar, B.J. Medical College, Pune

Dr. Kamal Kishore, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow

Dr. Kelly P O'Keefe University of South Florida, USA

Dr. Manpreet Singh, Government Medical College, Chandigarh

Dr. Moshe Michaelson Centre for Trauma & Emergencies, RAMBAM, Haifa, Israel

Dr. Moied Ahmad, JLN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Dr. O.P. Kalra Dean, University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi

Dr. Praveen Aggarwal, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

Dr. Ranabir Pal, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Sikkim

Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Santosh Medical College, Noida

Dr. Rocket Chandra Brahma, Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati

Dr. Sagar Galwankar, University of South Florida, USA

Dr. Sandeep Sahu, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow

Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

Dr. Sharad Vyas, B J Medical College, Ahmedabad

Dr. Shruti Jain, School of Medical Sciences & Research, Sharda University, Faridabad

Dr. Siddharth Lakhotia, Institute of Medical Science, BHU, Varanasi

Dr. Sundarakumar Sundarajan, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Coimbatore

Dr. Surya Prakash Chitturi, Rajah Muthiah Medical College & Hospital, Annamalainagar

Dr. Tarlika Doctor, BJ Medical College, Ahmadabad

Dr. Tracy Sanson University of South Florida, USA

Dr. Vikas Suri, PGIMER, Chandigarh

Following is the list of Fellows of ACEE-India and ACEN-India:

| Academic College of Emergency Experts in India | Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India |
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| Dr. Abhishek Kashyap Dr. Ashish Bhalla Dr. Ashok C. Upadhyaya Dr. C.S. Prakash Dr. Dheeraj Kapoor Dr. K. Shakuntala Murty Dr. Manpreet Singh Dr. Praveen Aggarwal Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi Dr. Vikas Suri | Ms. Kiran Yadav Ms. Kondru Shyamla Ms. Princess Mary Sebastian Ms. Shalini Kondru Ms. Shallu Chauhan Ms. Sonia Chauhan Ms. Swati Sharma Mr. Vishnu Kumar |

Dr. OP Kalra Dean University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi called the meeting of the Council to order and welcomed the newly commissioned Fellows of the Academy of Emergency Medicine Experts and Academy of Clinical Nursing to the ACET Annual Meeting. Dr Kalra Congratulated the Newly Commissioned Fellows and stressed on quality assurance in any such fellowships being granted, which should be chaired by an accountable person.

Dr Kalra proposed the name of Dr Sagar Galwankar as the Founding Chairman of the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India (ACEE-INDIA). This was seconded by unanimous vote of voice after which Dr Sagar Galwankar assumed his position as the Inaugural Founding Chairman of ACEE-INDIA

Ms. Nirmal Thakur was nominated as the Chairperson of the Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India and was elected by a unanimous vote of voice.

Dr Sagar Galwankar proposed the name of Dr. Praveen Aggarwal as the Founding Dean of ACEE-INDIA. This was seconded by Dr. Ashish Bhalla and supported by a voice vote leading to Dr Aggarwal being unanimously elected as the Dean of ACEE-INDIA

Ms Nirmal Thakur proposed the name of Ms. Shyamala as the Founding Director of ACEN which was seconded by Ms. Princess, thus completing the formality of her appointment with a vote of voice.

Dr. Praveen Aggarwal in his inaugural comments thanked the US partners for all the guidance in the past years which have culminated to the founding of the College.

Multiple Officers and roles in ACEE & ACEN were finalized as follows

Controller of the examinations ACEE-INDIA: Dr. Ashish Bhalla

Controller of the exams ACEN-INDIA: Mr. Vishnu

Honorary Secretary ACEE-INDIA: Dr. Manpreet

Honorary Secretary ACEN-INDIA: Ms. Kiran Yadav

ACEE-INDIA Ethics and Grievance committee: Dr. C.S. Prakash.

Ethics and Grievance committee (ACEN-INDIA): Ms. Swati Sharma

Tenure of all ACEE-ACEN officers was fixed for 3 years. Initially a suggestion was made that officers be appointed for one year, and it was discussed that the three year tenure can be revisited/reviewed every year.

Constitution Committee for ACEE-INDIA and ACEN-INDIA was created to write the Constitutions. For ACEE-INDIA Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi was entrusted to head the constitution committee and the members will be Dean, Controller of Examinations Ethics and vigilance officer, Honorary Secretary, and Dr. Shakuntala, from Bangalore. A legal opinion would be sought once the draft is ready Dr. Kalra was nominated to be the advisor to review and guide the creation of the constitution. The same model would be followed by ACEN-INDIA. Ms Nirmal Thakur was nominated to head the constitution committee for ACEN-INDIA.

The draft Constitutions of ACEE & ACEN INDIA were slated to be ready by December 2011 using the following framework:

- Aims and objectives of the College
- Rules and Regulations for Conference
- Revenue generation for certifications
- Rules and Regulations for examinations
- IT and Software, Fee structure of Examinations and Courses
- Officer Roles and Elections
- Code of Ethics
- Membership Rules and Benefits

ACEE-INDIA Journal: Regarding ACEE Team assuming charge of the Journal of Emergencies, Trauma and Shock it was decided that this would be revisited after 2 years.

ACEE-ACEN Board Review Courses: It was also decided that the annual Emergency Medicine Board Review Course of ACEE would have Indian Trainers with 2 USA Based Trainers. It was decided ACEN-INDIA would continue using American faculty , for another 3 years after which the local faculty is ready to teach in the emergency nursing board review.

Creating Quality Emergency Medical Officers (EMO):

Quality EMO workforce was the need of the hour. It would be another decade by the end of which we can estimate a sizeable number of residency trained Emergency Physicians to take charge of Emergency Departments across India. Until then the EMO workforce is the only acute care provider option. Detailed discussion was held to develop a certificate training program to educate the erstwhile Casualty Medical Officers (CMO) and then convert them to EMO title when they have completed the certificate course. This course would be developed by ACEE-INDIA. Various Universities would be approached to develop this course.

Accountability and Punctuality in taking ACEE and ACEN Examinations:

It had been observed that candidates were not punctual and serious in taking their monthly examinations and final examination. Various reasons were quoted for not being able to take the examinations. The meeting decided that from 2012 there would be an additional fee for the candidates who don't take the test on time or have to take a repeat test as they could not pass the tests within the stipulated time period.

Creation of Departments of Health Research:

It was discussed in great detail by Dr Sagar Galwankar that to forge the development of health research it was indeed important that all academic medical institutions create free standing departments of health research where Ethics approval, research registry and cross institutional international and national research collaborations can be developed using faculty, residents, fellows and administrators. The role of Medical Council of India will be crucial as they can be approached to bring a rule that every MCI approved institution should have a Department of Health Research like the Department of Medical Education. Dr Sagar further suggested that another strategy would be to add Research to the Department of Medical Education and rename it as the Department of Medical Education and Research.

Future Regional Meetings:

Various regional meetings were planned in 2012 within the Following areas

1. **CAPITAL-EM** covering Delhi, J&K, Punjab, Haryana, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh: Meeting will be held at RML Hospital New Delhi in February 2012 with a focus on Pediatric Emergency Care. The 2011 Meeting was organized by MMU Medical School, Mullana, Haryana.
2. **MAHA-EM** covering Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Rajasthan: Meeting will be planned in first quarter of 2012. The 2011 meeting was held in Pune and hosted by BJ Medical College Pune and KN Medical College Pune.
3. **EM-K** covering regions of Karnataka and Kerala would organize their Inaugural Meeting in the first quarter of 2012.
4. **EM-TAP** covering regions of Tamil Nadu and Andra Pradesh and Puducherry would also organize their Inaugural Meeting in 2012.
5. **EM-PRADESH** covering regions of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Chhattisgarh would be held in 2012.

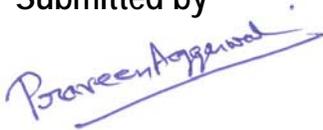
INDUS-EM 2012:

It was unanimously approved that INDUS-EM 2012 and all the simultaneous meetings would be held at Nashik Maharashtra from 24th October 2012 to 28th October 2012. INDUS-EM 2012 would be organized by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) and Association of Physicians of Nashik (APN). Dr Narayan Deogaonkar (President APN) was announced as the Secretary General, Dr Arun Jamkar (VC-MUHS) was announced as the Chief Patron and Dr Sagar Galwankar was assigned the responsibility of Scientific Chairman of INDUS-EM 2012.

Proposals to host INDUS-EM 2013 were hereby invited by the leaders in ACET.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks from Dr Praveen Aggarwal, Secretary General of INDUS-EM 2011 and Founding Dean of ACEE.

Submitted by



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