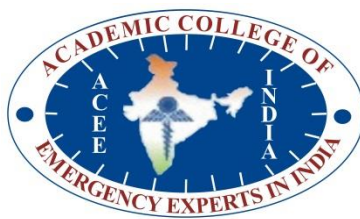




Summarized Minutes of the 8th Annual Assembly of the INDO-US Academic Council for Emergency and Trauma (ACET) held at the Lulu International Convention Center, Thrissur, Kerala, India on 25th October 2013 simultaneously alongside the 9th INDO-US Emergency Medicine Summit held from 25th to 27th October 2013 at Thrissur, Kerala, hosted by the Kerala University of Health Sciences in partnership with Jubilee Mission Medical College & Research Institute, Governmental Medical College, Thrissur and Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur, Kerala.



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Joint Meetings

The 3rd Executive Sessions of

Academic College of Emergency Experts in India (ACEE-INDIA)

&

Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India (ACEN-INDIA)

Date: 25th October 2013

Time: 0800 Hours

Venue: Board Room, Lulu International Convention Center, Thrissur, Kerala

The ACET Annual Meeting was jointly held with the Annual Executive Sessions of the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India and the Academic for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India. Around 150 Faculty, College and Academy Members/ Fellows attended the meeting.

Dr Sagar Galwankar, Chairman of ACEE-INDIA called the meeting to order and requested Dr. Praveen Aggarwal, Dean of ACEE-INDIA to start the proceedings of the meeting.

The following Fellows were introduced as the Graduates of the 2013 Convocation.

Academic College of Emergency Experts in India	Academic for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India
Dr. Varsha Shinde	Ms. Dhilna John PJ
Dr. (Major) Vishal Arora	Mr. Linesh M
Dr. T. S. Santhi	Ms. Nirupama Chauhan
Dr. Sandeep Pai	Ms. Sapna Tiwari
Dr. Rajeshwari S. Vhora	Ms. Tarsila Khakha
Dr. Meera Ekka	Ms. Pushpa Devi D
Dr. Kavita U. Adate	Ms. Tenzin Zompa
Dr. Natraj Shankar Sadafule	Ms. TashiWangmo
Dr. Sameer Kulkarni	Ms. Christina Varghese
Dr. P.M. Vinayswamy	Ms. Betty Mathew
Dr. S. Chandrashekhar	
Dr. E.M. Surendra	
Dr. K.T. Madavan	
Commander (Dr.) Rahul Yadav	
Dr. Harshil Mehta	
Dr. Vaijinath R Dhapase	

Dr. Praveen Aggarwal, Dean of the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India 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. Aggarwal congratulated the newly commissioned Fellows.

Dr. Aggarwal proposed the name of Dr. Kalpana Kelkar and Dr. Shakuntala Murthy as members of the Governing Council of the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India. This was seconded by unanimous vote of voice after which their membership to the Governing Council of ACEE-INDIA was confirmed.

ACEE-INDIA Journal:

The ACEE Team was appraised about the growth of the Journal of Emergencies, Trauma and Shock and discussion was held on increasing the number of issues from 4 to 6 per year. This point would be revisited in the 2014 meeting was the final output of the discussions.

ACEE-ACEN Board Review Courses:

It was also decided that the Annual Emergency Medicine Board Review Course of ACEE would have more Indian Trainers than the USA Based Trainers. It was hereby confirmed that ACEN-INDIA would continue using American faculty , until the local faculty is ready to teach in the emergency nursing board review.

Quality Emergency Medical Care:

Dr. Sagar Galwankar led a vibrant discussion on the delivery of Quality Emergency Care. Noting the fact that it would take another decade to create a sizeable number of qualified emergency physicians and nurses across India, he confirmed that the MACEE program for MBBS Physicians interested in pursuing Emergency Medicine as a career was grand success. Ms. Nirmal Thakur, Chairperson of the Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India presented the annual report of ACEN. A detailed discussion was held to strategize on increasing the outreach to escalate the number of nurses to take the fellowship exam and become members of the Academy.

Accreditation of Emergency Departments:

Keeping the need for providing Quality Emergency Care , the Academic College (ACEE-INDIA) under the leadership of Dr. Sagar Galwankar and Dr. Anuja Joshi submitted **EMERALD™** The ACEE-INDIA Quality Certification Program for Emergency Departments.

EMERALD™ delineates all the crucial mandatory patient safety and quality emergency care standards which need to be followed in running a successful Emergency Treatment Department. Dr KK Kalra CEO of National Accreditation Board of Hospitals and HealthCare Providers (NABH) and Dr R Karanjekar Chairman of the NABH Accreditation Committee were present and discussion was held to chalk out the plan to roll out

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INDO-UK Joint Training Initiative:

Dr. Sagar Galwankar appraised the assembly about the progress of the newly started INDO-UK training initiative by the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India in partnership with the NHS Hospitals in UK. Under this initiative designate Fellows and Members of ACEE will have an opportunity to train in the NHS hospitals in UK and additionally gain the experience to successfully qualify in the Membership Examination of the College of Emergency Medicine in UK leading to an MCEM (UK) qualification. This initiative also bestows an opportunity on the ACEE aspirants to gain experience in the developed Emergency Care Centers and Systems in UK which would be valuable for their knowledge growth and experience and will help in the development of EM in India.

Dr. Himanshu Kataria from the NHS Hospitals UK spoke about the initiative and also discussed the process involved in the above initiative.

Recommended Courses by ACEE:

There are many courses recommended by ACEE as additional requirements for getting Fellowship/ Membership of the College. It was decided that from 2015 the Mandatory courses will be clearly mentioned and equivalent courses will not be entertained. ATLS, ACLS and PALS will be the Mandatory Courses. Neonatal Resuscitation course offered by the Indian Academy of Pediatrics will also be an additional Course. The ECG, Suture and Splinting Course taught at the INDO-US EM Summit will be the approved Courses and so will be the AIIMS-AUTLS Course for Emergency and Trauma Sonography. It was decided that the Airway Course could be attended at any of the Anesthesia or Critical Care Meetings which are held in India.

DNB in Emergency Medicine:

There was intense discussion on the process of getting DNB approved at institutions across India. It was unanimously approved that the College would continue to work with NBE as regards commissioning the DNB Program in Emergency Medicine as well as encourage medical colleges to either pursue a MD or a DNB Teaching program in Emergency Medicine. The College has been working with the National Board of Examinations for a few years on designing and implementing robust strategy to roll out a PG Program in Emergency Medicine.

Leadership Round Table in USA:

It was proposed that annually a Leadership Round Table Event should be held in the United States so that Faculty and Emergency Physicians involved in the INDO-US Program can experience the Health Systems and the Academic Environment of US Health Education and Medical Services Systems. It was informed that a pilot of the above initiative was held in 2007 and 2009 when over 15 Physicians from India attended the leadership meeting at the University of South Florida at Tampa, USA. The INDUS Leaders agreed to actively begin work on this initiative so that this would be an annual event.

ACEE-INDIA Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program:

Dr. Abhijeet Saha, Chief Promoter of the ACEE-PEM program gave a detailed report on the massive success of the program. He spoke in concurrence with inputs from the US Director, Dr Binita Shah who envisioned this program to be a landmark effort to kick start Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Quality Acute Care Services for Children in India. The inaugural PEM Board Review Course would be held in March 2014 and it was confirmed that this course would be conducted by USA faculty at PGIMER & RML Hospital, New Delhi, India. It was also decided that the PEM Program would operate under the aegis of ACEE with specific mention that the Fellowship has been awarded for Excellence in Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

ACEE-INDIA Emergency Toxicology Fellowship Program:

Dr. Ashish Bhalla, Affiliation Officer of ACEE-INDIA discussed the developments in starting a new fellowship program in Emergency Toxicology. He was requested by the College to work on details as regards academic and process logistics so as to start the Fellowship in 2015.

The USA-INDIA Tropical Emergency Medicine Residency Elective:

Dr. Ashish Bhalla and Dr O'Keefe (USA) discussed the process involved in starting a Tropical Emergency Medicine Elective for USA Emergency Medicine Residents in India. This would involve the US Residents to come and spend time in Emergency Departments approved by ACEE and gain experience in Tropical Infectious Diseases, which will help them when they return to practice as Emergency Physicians in the United States of America.

ACEE Paramedic and EMS Certification Program

Dr. Manpreet Dawar, Honorary Secretary of ACEE-INDIA discussed the developments in starting a Quality Certification Program for Paramedics and EMS providers. He will submit the structure and logistics of the program to the Governing Council of the College via email. The Pilot of this program has already been successfully implemented in Punjab and Chandigarh and now it stands to be formalized by the College.

ACEE Oral Examination in 2014:

An intense discussion was held on the model for conducting the oral qualifying examination for the Membership Pathway of ACEE. The first Examination is scheduled in 2015.

Dr. Himanshu presented the UK Model for testing. The USA testing model was presented by Dr. O'Keefe and Dr. Bonnie Arquilla. As the ACEE INDO-UK Program was now gaining momentum, it was decided that the ACEE Oral Examination would be conducted on a Hybrid Model where the examination stations would be a mix of the UK and the USA Models. Details of the Testing Model will be displayed on the ACEE-INDIA website along with details of the Oral Board Review Course for the same.

Future Regional Meetings:

Various regional meetings were planned in 2014 within the Following areas

1. **CAPITAL-EM** covering Delhi, J&K, Punjab, Haryana, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh: Meeting will be held in Ludhiana in February 2014
2. **MAHA-EM** covering Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Rajasthan: EMPACT 2014 will be held in this region in 2014
3. **EM-K** covering regions of Karnataka and Kerala would organize their 2nd Annual Meeting in first quarter of 2014.
4. **EM-TAP** covering regions of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry would also organize their 3rd Annual Meeting in 2014 at Salem, Tamil Nadu.
5. **EM-EAST** covering Orissa, Bihar and the Eastern and North Eastern States would organize their 2nd Annual Meeting in 2014 at NEIGRIHMS Shillong.

INDUS-EM 2014:

It was unanimously approved that 10th Annual INDUS-EM 2014 and all the simultaneous meetings would be held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India from 15th October 2014 to 19th October 2014. INDUS-EM 2014 would be organized by the King George Medical University (KGMU) and the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow. Dr. Ajai Singh was confirmed as the Secretary General and Dr DK Gupta (VC-KGMU) was announced as the Chief Patron. Dr. Sagar Galwankar was assigned the responsibility of Scientific Chairman of INDUS-EM 2014. The theme of the summit would be "Money Management, Manpower and Medicine"

Proposals to host INDUS-EM 2015 were hereby invited by the leaders in ACET.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks from Dr. Praveen Aggarwal, the Founding Dean of ACEE.

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