

# **Annual General Body Meeting 2023**

## **INDUSEM, ACEE, EMA**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of INDUSEM, Academic College of Emergency Experts in India (ACEE) and Emergency Medicine Association, India (EMA) was held at 5 PM on 24/08/2023 at Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth University, Pimpri, Pune on the sidelines of EMINDIA2023 Conference.

The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes due to lack of quorum. It was reconvened at 5.20 PM. Honourable Speaker, Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi introduced ACEE President, Dr. Sagar Galwankar. A roll call was taken.

Dr. Sagar Galwankar, CEO of INDUSEM and President of ACEE welcomed the Fellows of ACEE and the Members of EMA. He informed that this was the first combined meeting of ACEE and EMA. Dr. Sagar dwelled upon the current phase of Emergency Medicine as was being practiced and taught to the post-graduates in various academic departments. This was a reflection of poor understanding of the core fundamentals of Emergency Medicine by the current Faculty. Additionally, there was the challenge of Critical Care Medicine which was harming the interest of EM specialty. There were complaints by the residents that the National Medical Commission (NMC) inspectors were being told by some of the EM Faculty to take coercive action against other EM departments on flimsy grounds. Dr. Sagar strongly suggested that operational management of emergency department is an important aspect which should be taught to each and every Faculty of EM. He further suggested that we should be committed to our specialty, work in collaboration with other departments and show strong commitment to academics. Unless we adopt a strong operational model to run our emergency departments, we cannot succeed in providing excellent training to our residents and patient care.

Dr. Sagar also briefed the Fellows and Members that INDUSEM, ACEE and EMA provide all the support required for the growth of Emergency Medicine. He informed the steps taken by the organizations to produce Standardized model for proper training of EM residents and a Faculty Development Program for the Faculty of emergency departments. The Journal of Emergencies, Trauma and Shock (JETS) was an important part of the organization which was indexed in PubMed within a couple of years. He stressed on the need to have more focus on research as well quality improvement studies in EM. The VigyanCentral portal was once again introduced to all the members where thesis can be uploaded. In near future, this platform would be used to list publications (along with abstracts) from the Indian Journals. The newsletter of Emergency Medicine, called TEAMS, is being regularly published four times a year. Everyone was encouraged to present in the national conference, EMINDIA. In addition, every member was advised to be active on 'X' regarding new developments in EM.

After that, Dr. Sagar invited various leaders to give brief summary of work done by them during the year 2022-23.

Dr. Vivek Chauhan, Assistant Editor of the Journal of Emergencies, Trauma and Shock, informed that the INDUSEM was involved in the operational aspects of the Eurasian Journal of Emergency. Our journals, JETS and Journal of Global infectious Diseases, got impact factors of 1.4 and 1.6 respectively. He encouraged residents and faculty to submit articles, especially original research articles and meta-analysis to various Journals published by INDUSEM. However, it was also emphasized to published articles in other journals as well and quote references from the articles published in journals under INDUSEM.

Dr. Bikram Gupta, Editor of TEAMS Newsletter, informed that the Newsletter was being published uninterrupted for the past 15 years with contributions from organisational members. He requested members to feed more information in terms of news and pictures of events which are held at various departments across India. The future plan of the newsletter is to expand it to a newspaper and then to television.

The zonal leaders of EMA were invited to give brief of activities done in their areas in 2022-23 and their future plans. The leaders gave a report how they celebrated the World Emergency Medicine day. Every leader was given the task to involve more departments of Emergency Medicine in EMA, to encourage more faculty to join the FDP program (ASHWAMEGH) and more residents to join EM Gurukul. On the forthcoming Raksha Bandhan Day, every Member committed to celebrating the day as 'Suraksha Bandhan' by tying 'Rakhis' on patients.

Dr. Akshay Kumar and Dr. Tarun Sharma as North Zone EMA Leaders highlighted that they contacted various DMEs to attend EMINDIA meeting. They were trying to establish medical services at pilgrimages at J & K. Nearly 70 doctors from Haryana joined as EMA Member due to their efforts.

Dr. Abhijeet Saha, as North Zone (Pediatrics) Leader projected launch of a resuscitation module for children in Delhi with 1.5 days program at UCMS, Delhi in 2024

Dr. Bikram Gupta, Central Zone EMA Leader. informed that BHU was initiating Emergency Medicine department very soon. In the state of UP, all 33 medical colleges have applied for DNB in Emergency Medicine and are likely to get sanction of starting the PG in Emergency Medicine very soon.

Dr. Shirshendu Dhar, East Zone EMA Leader, informed that EMA Membership drive was going on and expected full registration of all residents by October 2023. He made a suggestion of reducing fees for EMGurukul. He emphasized that there was a lack of EM workflow awareness among the existing residents and faculty and therefore, the FDP was essential for every Faculty.

Dr. Nisha Toteja, East Zone (Pediatrics) Leader, informed that a 2-day workshop on Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) and Critical care Medicine, and a POCUS workshop for PEM would be held in Dec/Jan. In addition, a series of webinars for PEM updates would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month.

Dr. Linu presented on behalf of Dr. Haneef, South Zone EMA Leader. He informed that Andhra Pradesh would be conducting undergraduate and postgraduate quiz, and a State level conference. Tamil Nadu would be hosting EM program in September. Additionally, Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology (APAMT) would be organising its conference in Kerala on Toxicology and ACEE/EMA would be supporting it.

Dr. Shreyas Patel, West Zone EMA Leader, presented the Standardised model of training of residents being followed at Parul Institute of Medical Sciences & Research which was helping the residents in providing in-depth teaching and training in the field of Emergency Medicine. He informed that he was approaching other medical colleges so that they could also join the EMGurukul program.

After presentation by various leaders, comments were invited from various Members.

Dr. Kemba Padu pointed out lack of skilled manpower in EM in the region. He was asked to encourage faculty and residents to join Ashwamegh and EMGurukul programs respectively to overcome this difficulty.

Dr. Sunil Chhajwani informed that he was facing resistance due to involvement with other EM groups.

Dr. Neeraj Kumar informed that there was a need to start EMT courses at medical college levels.

Dr. Manpreet Singh suggested converting the 1-year course into a 3-year BSc Course.

Dr. Ruchi Tandon expressed a concern that she would not get EM PGs due to recent change in NMC stand on Emergency Departments. Dr. Kalpana Kelkar gave reassurance from Pune example where she got PG seats without any problems.

Dr. Sagar Galwankar informed the EMA Leaders that the Zonal Adult-Paediatric EMA Leaders should work collaboratively. They should act at the organizational level and not at an institutional level. The State level activity (e.g., workshops, SIMS, rounds, etc.) should be conducted with the the name of the state following EMA i.e. EMA-State Name (e.g., EMA-Maharashtra, EMA-Kerala etc.). The EPICON could re-assimilate into EMINDIA from the next year onwards. He appreciated Prof. Kalpana Kelkar for smoothly organizing EMINDIA 2023 at Pune. He also informed the Members about EMGurukul program which runs a 5-hour/week training program for the residents and includes examination skills.

Dr. Siddharth Dubhashi explained ASHWAMEGH Faculty Development Program to the Members and the need for this program for professional, organizational and personal development. The goal is to assimilate and synchronize the curriculum, syllabus, and teaching-learning assessment techniques. He emphasized that the trained faculty graduating from ASHWAMEGH would then be role models for the next generation of Faculty. He again reminded the Members that EM is practically a surgical specialty and not limited to medical emergencies or critical care or just resuscitation.

Dr. Shreyas presented the model of EMGurukul program which was running at Parul University. It is a cyclical teaching model where curriculum is divided into 12 months. On Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, there are hourly lectures based on Tintinalli's Textbook of EM followed by once a week test. In addition, in the first week of every month, there is a journal club/evidence-based medicine topic, second week is POCUS, third week is clinical examination, 4th week is procedures/SIM. Based on EMGurukul model, first year residency is 'attend' lectures, while 2nd and 3rd year residency is 'practice' EM.

Dr. Praveen Aggarwal, Vice-President of ACEE presented the budget of ACEE and INDUSEM. He asked all the Zonal Leaders and Members to encourage senior residents to join various Fellowships of ACEE. He also reminded the current Fellows of ACEE not to use FACEE as a 'Degree' but write "Fellow of Academic College of Emergency Experts, India" after their names.

Dr. Ajit Baviskar informed that he was formalizing a SIM Course Model. In addition, he suggested "SIM Shakti" – a simulation league (gaming/sports competition model) during next EMINDIA .

Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi, Director, WHOCCET stressed the need to integrate trauma care with the existing emergency care so as to strengthen the overall Emergency Medicine system in the country. He presented a brief overview of integration of trauma and emergency care and its recognition after AIIMS NITI Ayog study. He also informed the Members that WHO recognized AIIMS as a Centre of Excellence for POCUS and a policy paper is being written on fast-tracking POCUS practice implementation.

Dr. Kalpana Kelkar, Organizing Secretary of EMINDIA2023, once again welcomed everyone to the Conference. She gave a brief about journey of EM in Pune and journey of organization of EMINDIA2023.

Dr. Naman Agrawal and Dr. Ankit Sahu gave an overview of the Scientific Committee's Review Process of the abstracts submitted to it. The Members were informed that more than 200 abstracts were received by the Committee. The Scientific Committee's Review Process was found to have a high internal validity and this research could be published.

Dr. Sandeep Sahu and Dr. Samjhana Basnet announced that WACEM-TOPCOM would be held in Nepal in December and introduced its tentative schedule. The WACEM-TOPCOM would emphasize on operational management, clinical operation and disaster management. The Members were requested to attend the conference

Dr. Galwankar closed the Annual General Assembly with his final remarks and word of welcome to EMINDIA23.

The Annual General Meeting ended at 21:40



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