



Summarized Minutes of the 7th Annual Assembly of the INDO-US Academic Council For Emergency & Trauma held at Nashik, Maharashtra on 26th October 2012 alongside the 8th INDO-US Emergency Medicine Summit held from 24th October 2012 to 28th October 2012 at Nashik in partnership with the Maharashtra University Of Health Sciences and the Association of Physicians of Nashik.



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Joint Meeting

**The 2nd Executive Sessions of The
Academic College of Emergency Experts in India (ACEE)
&
Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India (ACEN-INDIA)**

**Date: 26th October 2012, 1500 Hours
Venue: Council Hall
Nashik Engineering Cluster Convention Center**

**The ACET Annual Meeting was jointly held with the Fellows of The
Academic College of Emergency Experts in India (ACEE)
&
Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India (ACEN-INDIA)**

Dr Sagar Galwankar, Chairman of ACEE called the meeting to order and requested Dr Praveen Aggarwal, Dean of the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India to start the proceedings of the Meeting. The meeting agenda was discussed and approved.

Following Members and Fellows attended the Meeting:

<i>Dr. OP Kalra, Dean, University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr. Ashish Bhalla, PGIMER Chandigarh</i>
<i>Dr. Praveen Aggarwal, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr. Abhijeet Saha, PGIMER & RML Hospital New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr. Prerna Batra, University College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr. N. Chidambaram, Dean, RMMCH, Annamalai University, TN</i>
<i>Dr. Sagar Galwankar, University Of South Florida, USA</i>
<i>Dr. Bhavesh Jharwani, NHL Medical College, Ahmadabad, Gujarat</i>
<i>Dr. Sundarakumar Sundarajan, PSGIMS & R, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu</i>
<i>Dr. C.S. Prakash, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu</i>
<i>Dr. K Shakuntala Murthy, St John's Medical College, Bengaluru, Karnataka</i>
<i>Dr. H Iyer, Padmashree Dr DY Patil University, Navi Mumbai</i>
<i>Dr. Shruti, BJ Medical College, Ahmadabad, Gujarat</i>
<i>Dr. Manpreet Singh, Govet. Medical College, Chandigarh</i>
<i>Dr. Vikas Suri, PGIMER, Chandigarh</i>
<i>Ms. Nirmal Thakur, Chair of ACEN-INDIA</i>
<i>Ms. Shyamala, Director of ACEN-INDIA</i>
<i>Ms. Theresa Travernero, TEAMHEALTH, USA</i>
<i>Ms. Theresa Bush, USA</i>
<i>Dr. Indira Yog VCSGGMS & RI , Srinagar, Uttarakhand</i>

The Newly graduated Fellows of the Academic College of Emergency Experts in India (ACEE) and the Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing in India (ACEN-INDIA) were introduced to the ACET councilors and existing Fellows of the College and the Academy.

Academic College of Emergency Experts	Academy for Clinical Emergency Nursing
<i>Dr. Ajit. S Baviskar</i>	<i>Ms. Shweta Shekhawat</i>
<i>Dr. Amit Agrawal</i>	<i>Mr. Rakesh Yadav</i>
<i>Dr. Anil Kumar Goel</i>	<i>Ms. Kumkum</i>
<i>Dr. Anil Shyamrao Mane</i>	<i>Mr. Prince Varghese</i>
<i>Dr. Bhavesh S. Jarwani</i>	<i>Ms. Bhavna Suman</i>
<i>Dr. Deepali Rishi Rajpal</i>	<i>Ms. Reeha</i>
<i>Dr. Gavali Yogesh Vijaykumar</i>	<i>Ms. Janeesh. P</i>
<i>Dr. Harshad C. Dongare</i>	<i>Ms. Ramchandran. R</i>
<i>Dr. Kalpana Kelkar</i>	<i>Ms. Sachin Kumar</i>
<i>Dr. Kavita Lalchandani</i>	<i>Mr. Arun. k</i>
<i>Dr. Kuldeep Kumar</i>	<i>Mr. Vinod</i>
<i>Dr. Manish Vasant Vanage</i>	<i>Ms. Mariamma Renji</i>
<i>Dr. Meenakshi G. Narkhede</i>	<i>Ms. Bindu Sabu</i>
<i>Dr. N. Chidambaram</i>	<i>Ms. Pushpa Rani</i>
<i>Dr. P. Swaminathan</i>	<i>Mr. Tenzin Sangmo</i>
<i>Dr. Paras Khullar</i>	<i>Ms. Harvinder Kaur</i>
<i>Dr. Pradnya Bhalerao</i>	
<i>Dr. R. Uma Rani</i>	
<i>Dr. Rashmi Sharma</i>	
<i>Dr. Rina Bhavin Parikh</i>	
<i>Dr. Rishi T. Rajpal</i>	
<i>Dr. Sandeep Sahu</i>	
<i>Dr. Shalini K. Thombre</i>	
<i>Dr. Sheikh Afaq</i>	
<i>Dr. Sunil Kumar</i>	
<i>Dr. Surekha S. Shinde</i>	
<i>Dr. Vivek Chauhan</i>	

Academic Pediatric Emergency Medicine in India:

The concept of Academic Pediatric Emergency Medicine was discussed by Dr Abhijeet Saha from RML Hospital and PGIMER, New Delhi.

Dr Saha presented his vision to develop a DM program in Pediatric Emergency Medicine and also submitted a road map to organize Academic Pediatricians across India to forge the agenda ahead.

There was immense and fruitful discussion on the challenges and the opportunities for the INDO-US Collaborative to initiate a process for advocating the development of Pediatric Emergency Medicine as a super specialty course.

This DM course in Pediatric Emergency Medicine would offer advance training opportunities to MD Emergency Medicine or MD Pediatrics Candidates which is recognized by the Medical Council of India.

Dr Saha was advised by the Councilors and the Fellows that he lay out a structured plan to initiate this process and would enjoy full support of the College, Academy and the INDO-US Collaborative if the plan is sustainable and the goals are attainable.

Dr Sunilkumar (UCMS, Delhi) and Dr. Rashmi Sharma (Santosh University) were appointed Pediatric EM Liaisons who would work with Dr Saha to prepare the road map which will submitted via email to Dr Aggarwal.

ACEN-INDIA Roadmap and the Path Ahead:

Ms. Nirmal Thakur, Chair of ACEN took the stage to present her road map for 2013. She expressed the intention that the Academy would like to introduce a practical examination in addition to the theory component. She also emphasized that the Academy would now begin the process of creating faculty Cadre who could be trainers for the various courses to be set up by the Academy in the future.

Ms Thakur was the made aware by Dr Sagar Galwankar and various members that the current fee structure will have to be modified if a practical component was being added to the exam structure of the Academy.

Constitutional & Operational Mechanism between ACET, ACEN and ACEE:

There was detailed discussion on creating a defined mechanism to collaborate the working between the College, Academy and ACET.

With respect to ACEN It was decided that all the decisions to be taken by ACEN will be discussed at ACEE-ACEN-ACET Meeting and opinions will be taken from ACEE & ACET Leadership. The final decision will be taken by ACEN. It will only be the administrative issues on which ACEE will give an opinion and take a decision. As far as academic issues are concerned, ACEN will have complete autonomy.

Constitution of ACEE-INDIA:

Dr Praveen Aggarwal presented the Constitution of ACEE. This was later discussed in detail and approved with minor changes which will be communicated via email.

Examination, Certification & Leadership Mechanism for ACEE-INDIA:

Major changes in the Examination Pattern in ACEE were discussed and a New Membership pathway leading to a MACEE was also introduced. These changes were to be introduced in the 2013 Cycle of the ACEE Certification Program.

It was also clearly decided that members of ACEE Governing Council should be having a MD/MS (MCI Recognized) or DNB from any of the 9 approved disciplines (Medicine, Surgery, Anesthesia, GYN/OBS, Pulmonary Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine & Orthopedics) with a FACEE Certification and be sitting faculty from an MCI Recognized Medical College at the time of being elected and installed as Governing Council Members. If during their tenure they cease to be MCI Medical College Faculty then they will have to resign immediately as Governing Council Members of ACEE.

It was also decided that every application for FACEE or MACEE pathway will be securitized and the final decision will be taken on the candidate to be accepted or rejected even before he pursues either of the pathways.

Scope of the Practice of Emergency Medicine in India and its Relation of Critical Care:

There were some points which were unanimously raised by Fellows and Members about the Scope of Emergency Medicine Practice for graduates with a MCI Recognized MD in Emergency Medicine. It was cited that many of the current EM Residents and Administrators across Medical College in India Continue to believe that MD Emergency Medicine is same as Critical Care. This has resulted in Critical Care Departments being brought under the newly created Departments of Emergency Medicine. This has caused a lot of confusion in the minds of both the Faculty and the residents and the training time has been markedly reduced due to pre-occupation of Faculty in Critical care areas. This culture was considered detrimental to the advancement of Emergency Medicine in India.

The Apex Departments of Emergency Medicine namely AIIMS and St John's Medical College Bengaluru, both have independent Departments of Emergency Medicine not connected to Critical Care.

Dr Aggarwal clearly discussed the scope of the practice of Emergency Medicine and emphasized the practice being restricted to the Department of Emergency Medicine and not beyond unless one holds additional training in terms of years and clinical care experience beyond the three years of PG training in Emergency Medicine added to his or her personal interest in practicing Critical Care. Primarily an Emergency Physician with a MCI Recognized MD in Emergency Medicine is an Expert in Emergency Medical Care which ends at the Department of Emergency Medicine and includes expertise in Disaster Mitigation and Pre-Hospital Medicine.

It was also clarified that now Medical Council of India has started a DM in Critical Care and encouraging colleges to start this superspeciality course.

It was decided that Medical Council of India will be approached to include Anesthesia, Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine and Emergency Medicine to be the primary training programs whose graduates with an MD will be eligible to further pursue a DM in Critical care.

Many Faculty Members supported this notion and requested that MCI be appraised and requested that Administrators across the Country be notified about the Scope of Academic EM training and the practice of Emergency Medicine.

Awarding Honorary Fellowships by ACEE-INDIA:

Dr OP Kalra requested that ACEE consider awarding Honorary Fellowships to International Academicians who have contributed to the development of Academic Emergency Medicine. The College took note of this suggestion and would return with a recommendation soon.

Conducting the Annual INDO-US Review Course in Emergency Medicine, EMPACT 2013:

Dr Sundarakumar proposed the EMPACT should be hosted at a new location every year and he proposed that PSG Medical College Coimbatore would be interested in hosting EMPACT in 2013.

Indian Network of Critical Illness and Injury Translational Trials Experts (INCIITTE):

Dr Sagar Galwankar presented his report of the working of INCIITTE and apprised the attendees that there were more than 5 Translational Research projects in Emergencies, Trauma and Shock which were funded in the 2012. He brought to attention the fact that Indian Academicians need to focus on Biomarker Research and develop collaborative research centers in partnership with ICMR and DBT, Government of India in order to advance Clinical and Translational Research not only at National but also a global level. He discussed his recent visit to Italy where he met up with research leaders in Acute Medicine and presented the various opportunities for Global Research Networks to expand into India. He invited members of the meeting to attend the 2nd Annual INCIITTE meeting to be held at the same venue on 27th October 2012 at 9 AM.

Emergency Medicine Council Of Residency Departments in India (EMCORD-INDIA):

There was a formal announcement made that the Inaugural Meeting of EMCORD-INDIA would be held on 28th October 2012 at the same venue. All members were informed that the MCI Recognized MD-EM Residency Department Faculty were attending the meeting. The focus of the meeting was to develop common algorithms, protocols for and teaching and testing methodologies to advance Education, Research and Treatment in Academic Emergency Medicine in India. EMCORD will also be a forum where the academic challenges will be discussed and conveyed to MCI.

It was also cited that in 2013 the first Physicians with a MCI Recognized Degree in Emergency Medicine would be graduated from two colleges in Gujarat namely BJ Medical College and NHL Medical College, both in Ahmadabad, Gujarat. This was the crucial time that EMCORD be formed so that the Academic EM can be structured and taken to the next level.

International Council for Critical Emergency Sonography (ICCES):

Dr Sanjeev Bhoi introduced ICCES to ACET, ACEE and ACEN. He reported the successful conductance of the World Ultrasound Congress at AIIMS New Delhi in 2011 which laid the foundation for launching ICCES.

It was clear from recently published research articles from India and the past history of INDUS Leaders and AIIMS playing a major role in advocating Emergency and Critical Ultrasound Education till date, that there was a need to formalize an official Network of Academic Leaders from

Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Surgery, Pulmonary Medicine and Anesthesia across the world who would work together, cooperate and constructively collaborate to advance Critical Emergency Ultrasound Education and Research to better treatment in terms of time and reducing mortality across the World.

Currently ICCES has been supported by 61 Medical Universities and Leaders across India and the United States and is working on developing its education portfolio which will develop training modules on systemic and general Ultrasound Training both at Basic and Advance level in areas of Emergency Medicine and Critical Illness and Injury Sciences.

Creating Qualified Trainers will be the apex Mission of ICCES as it will continue to make physicians and surgeons aware of the various benefits of using Sonography in Contingent Clinical Situations both at the clinical and the community level. It will additionally work on bestowing Sono-Confidence in physicians and surgeons so that ultrasound usage will be extrapolated with an added comfort to expand its innovative use in various new indications in acute Medicine.

Regional Conferences of INDUS-EM to be Held in 2013:

Various regional meetings are being planned in 2013 within the following zones across India:

MAHA-EM covering Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Goa: The 2013 meeting will be held at JNMC, Ajmer

CAPITAL-EM covering states of Delhi, J&K, Punjab, Haryana, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh: Meeting will be held in first quarter of 2013 at PGI in partnership with GMC, Chandigarh

EM-KAP covering states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh: The 2013 Meeting is planned at SSIMS Dhavangere, Karnataka

EM-EAST covering states of Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh will plan their meeting in first part of 2013. The 2012 meeting was held at Aizawl, Mizoram.

EM-KAT covering states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu will plan their meeting in first quarter on 2013.

EM-PRADESH covering states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand will organize its 2013 meeting at SGPGI Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

INDUS-EM 2013:

It was unanimously approved that INDUS-EM 2013 and all the simultaneous meetings will be held at will be held Thrissur, Kerala from 23rd October 2013 to 27th October 2013. INDUS-EM 2013 will be organized by the Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS) at the Jubilee Mission Medical College and Research Institute of Thrissur, Kerala. Dr Sachin Menon Venugopal was confirmed as the Secretary General and Dr Jayaraj was confirmed as the Organizing Chairman of INDUS-EM 2013 under the Chief Patronage of Honorable Dr K Mohandas, the Vice-Chancellor of the Kerala University of Health Sciences and the Member of the Board of Governors of the Medical Council of India. It was also confirmed by a vote of voice and approval that Dr Sagar Galwankar will be reassigned the task of being the Scientific Chairman for INDUS-EM 2013 at the recommendation of the Organizing Team of Thrissur Kerala.

Proposals to Host INDUS-EM 2014 were hereby invited by members of ACET.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks from Dr Sagar Galwankar, Scientific Chairman of INDUS-EM 2012 and the Founding Chairman of ACEE-INDIA.

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