

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology held at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai at 1700 hrs.

Venue: Grand Ballroom

The following were present

1. Dr S. S. Bhalerao	2. Dr R. Pradeep	3. Dr Sanjay Govil
4. Dr G. V. Rao	5. Dr R. C. Aranya	6. Dr S. P. Kaushik
7. Dr D. Sharma	8. Dr R. A. Sastry	9. Dr Ramesh Ardhanari
10. Dr Avinash Supe	11. Dr V. Sitaram	12. Dr R. P. Shanmugam
13. Dr A. Rathnaswami	14. Dr Sanjay Nagral	15. Dr Manish Mandal
16. Dr Rajesh Gupta	17. Dr U. C. Singh	18. Dr Sudeep Shah
19. Dr Paresh P. Varty	20. Dr Kapoor Chaudhary	21. Dr S. K. Raul
22. Dr Deepak Govil	23. Dr Arjun Saxena	24. Dr S. C. Patra
25. Dr Kishore V. Dange	26. Dr Sanjay DeBakshi	27. Dr S. Srivastav
28. Dr. G. Srikanth	29. Dr Raghavendra Rao	30. Dr Varaghese Mathai
31. Dr N. R. Nanda	32. Dr T. Aziz	33. Dr H. V. Shivaram
34. Dr Surya Ramachandra Varma G.	35. Dr Himadra Sengupta	36. Dr Shobhita K.
37. Dr Hemant Namdev	38. Dr Sunil Rathore	39. Dr T Chakrabarty
40. Dr SM Chandramohan	41. Dr A. K. Sharma	42. Dr S. K. Shrivastava
43. Dr Parag Telavan	44. Dr S. Gupta	45. Dr G. S. Mahesh Kumar
46. Dr R. K. Singh	47. Dr Sandeep Saluja	48. Dr R. Gangavatikar
49. Dr Rajesh Nambiar	50. Dr Jaikishan	51. Dr Prathapan V. K.
52. Dr Arunkumar M. L.	53. Dr S. Sankar	54. Dr P. Sundar Raj
55. Dr Sandesh Sharma	56. Dr Naresh Arora	57. Dr G. C. Das
58. Dr D. Chopra	59. Dr O. V. Sudheer	60. Dr S. Ghatak
61. Dr M. Ray	62. Dr O. L. Naganath Babu	63. Dr S. S. Sikora
64. Dr M. K. Mahapatra	65. Dr S. Nundy	66. Brig. A. K. Sharma
67. Dr K. Prakash	68. Dr Kalpesh Jain	69. Dr P. Sampathkumar
70. Dr Pravin M. Trivedi	71. Dr Sathyanarayan N.	72. Dr Hemant A. Sant
73. Dr Subodh Varshney	74. Dr S. C. Patra	75. Dr Devendra N. Shah
76. Dr P. K. Mishra	77. Dr A. Sivasankar	78. Dr V. Vimalraj
79. Dr R. Bhat	80. Dr Biju Pottakkal	81. Dr K. D. Chakravarthy
82. Dr Joshy John	83. Dr Ramesh Rajan	84. Dr Md. Ibrarullah
85. Dr Rajesh Kapoor	86. Dr Wasif Ali	87. Dr K. Ramachandra Naidu
88. Dr Benjamin Perakath	89. Dr Anthony Rozario	90. Dr A. K. Pujahari
91. Dr Narendra N. Ganguly	92. Dr S. S. Chouhan	93. Dr C. Palanivelu
94. Dr Vikram Kate	95. Dr J. K. Banerjee	96. Dr Ashok K. Gupta

97. Dr Anil Agarwal	98. Dr Arindam Ghosh	99. Dr Puneet Dhar
100. Dr A. Roshan Shetty	101. Dr R. Kannan	102. Dr H. Ramesh
103. Dr Peush Sahni	104. Dr R Surendran	105. Dr J. M. Mehta

1. The meeting was called to order by the president Dr JM Mehta
2. The proceedings commenced with a silent prayer.
3. The minutes of the previous AGM held in Chennai in September 2008 were read and passed (proposed by Dr A Ramesh, Seconded by Dr A Supe).
4. Matters arising out of the Minutes: The secretary apprised the general body about the developments over the past 1 year. He highlighted the following:
  - a. To-date there were two accounts of the IASG: One held in Lucknow and the other in Cochin and steps were on to amalgamate them before transfer to the new secretariat
  - b. District level CMEs were held at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, and at the Holy Cross Hospital, Kottayam, and the latter meeting (a consensus conference on rectal cancer) was heavily attended by young and old surgeons from Kerala and from neighbouring states. The content was excellent, and all aspects of multimodality approach to rectal cancer were discussed in a threadbare manner.
  - c. The abstracts were being published for the first time in a supplement of Tropical Gastroenterology, which is the official organ of the Association. There were many errors, and it was necessary to improve upon it in the future. Members approved this and hoped that the quality would improve in future.
  - d. The final details of the database had been worked out, and it was considered best to have a single disease where centers who wished to join hands to record data in an uniform manner would sign a memorandum of understanding (as one would in a multicenter trial). The centers who joined in would then have agreed to have periodic external verification, agreed to record data in a standardized format, and to have periodic meetings (certainly once a year at least on the sidelines of the annual conference) to discuss, collate, and plan research activity. The first database would be on carcinoma gall bladder which is a disease unique to India. Any publication from the group would only be by the "Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology Gall Bladder Cancer Study Group", and take place only with the signed consent of all the members of the group. The general body approved the initiative.
5. The audited accounts were presented and passed (proposed by Dr A Ramesh, Seconded by Dr V Sitaram).
6. The secretary informed the GB about a request from the Kerala Surgical Gastroenterologists group (Association of Surgical Gastroenterologists of Kerala) to form a Kerala Chapter of the IASG. This was discussed extensively by the members, and Dr

Ashok Kumar also wanted a UP chapter or a Northern Chapter of the IASG. The rules and regulations for such a chapter were discussed. Dr Palanivelu, Past President of the ASI pointed out that such a chapter would have to be comprised of members of the ASI, and follow the constitution of the ASI. This brought to an end the discussion, as it was clear that the chapters did not want a tight organizational structure and relationship with the parent body, but wished on the other hand, a loose, mainly academic attachment.

7. Results of Elections were announced by the Secretary.
  - a. President- Elect: 2 candidates, MK Mohapatra and A Chaudhary. MK Mohapatra withdrew and A Chaudhary declared elected.
  - b. Secretary: 2 candidates, P Sahni and Md Ibrarullah. Md Ibrarullah withdrew and P Sahni declared elected.
  - c. Joint Secretary: 3 candidates: V Kate, S Nagral and Md Ibrarullah. Kate and Nagral withdrew and Md Ibrarullah declared elected.
  - d. Executive committee: there were 7 nominations for 5 posts:
    - i. Brig AK Sharma, Delhi
    - ii. Sanjay Debakshi, Kolkata
    - iii. Sanjay Govil, Bangalore
    - iv. Chetan Kantharia, Mumbai
    - v. Paresh Varty, Mumbai
    - vi. Subash Gupta, New Delhi
    - vii. Sanjay Nagral, Mumbai. Dr Kantharia and Dr Varty withdrew and that meant that Drs Sharma, Debakshi, Govil, Gupta and Nagral were declared elected as Executive committee members for the period 2009-2011.
8. Dr GV Rao spoke at some length about preparations for the XX Annual Conference in Hyderabad. Owing to an unprecedented rush for room bookings, he was compelled to withhold the dates for the conference, he said, but invited everyone to come and partake of the academic and social feast.
9. There were two bids for IASG 2011. They were from Jabalpur and Jaipur. Dr Bhojwani from Jaipur, although very keen on hosting the conference, was clear that he did not want to compete with Dr Dhananjaya Sharma (Jabalpur) as Dr Sharma was a senior professor and he wished to give him preference. Even as the house then listened to Dr Dhananjaya Sharma's invitation, some members raised the issue of deficiency in infrastructure in Jabalpur. In fact Dr A Ramesh pointed out that the present trend of improved attendance and participation and scientific content must not be allowed to go down, and he was worried that such might take place if the conference were to go to a place like Jabalpur. There was extensive discussion on the subject. When a show of hands was sought regarding the house's opinion regarding adequacy of infrastructure in Jabalpur, some members including Dr Sadiq Sikora objected to the process, and said that the only fair thing was to vote for the two provided Dr Bhojwani did not retire from a contest. When it was clear that Jaipur did not intend to back out, the matter was put to vote. 31 members

voted for Jabalpur while over 45 members voted for Jaipur. It was therefore announced that the venue of IASG 2011 (XXI Annual) would be in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

10. There was a query from the floor regarding availability of DVDs of the conference proceedings. The members were informed by Dr Sanjay Nagral that the proceedings of the XIX conference were being filmed and it was proposed that it would be circulated to the members in due course.
11. Dr A Rathnaswami, Past President, requested for the Archives of the Association to be created, and the house approved the idea. It was left to the new executive committee to implement the task.
12. The General Body in one voice, recorded their appreciation of the conduct of the XIX conference in Mumbai by Dr Nagral, and his team, the secretary particularly recorded the IASG's deep gratitude to the team members who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the programme a reality.
13. Dr A Ramesh wished to introduce a resolution by the GB "appreciating the sterling work put in by the Secretary, Dr H Ramesh, whom he said had been instrumental in a turn around of the association, with increase in the quantity and quality of participation, and other activities notably the travel bursary. The GB unanimously passed the same.
14. The Executive Committee Changed hands, with Dr Mehta handing over charge to Dr R Surendran and Dr H Ramesh to Dr Peush Sahni. Dr Surendran expressed his gratitude to the Association for reposing their confidence in him, and hoped that he would be able to carry the association forward with their help. Dr Sahni thanked the general body and requested their continued cooperation, and also requested the GB's approval for co-opting Dr H Ramesh on to the executive committee, this was met with immediate approval by the GB.
15. As there was no other matter, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair at 2000.

Signed  
Secretary, IASG