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Membership benefits and milestones of the Association

- ◆ Discounted registration fees at ACS(I) Conferences
- ◆ Forthcoming Events:
 - ACS(I) Sister Society Session at the 3rd Annual Congress of DASIL at Sun City, South Africa on September 7-10, 2014
 - ACSICON 2015 at Kolkata, West Bengal on April 9-11, 2015
 - World Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology at Bengaluru in 2017
- ◆ Fellowships: ACS(I) conducts month-long Training Fellowships for its members at the following centres:
 - Pune - under Dr. Narendra Patwardhan and Dr. Sharad Mutalik
 - Delhi - at Safdarjung Hospital under Dr. Niti Khunger
 - Bengaluru - at Venkat Charmalaya under Dr. Venkataram Mysore
 - Chennai - under Dr. Maya Vedamurthy
 - Bengaluru - at BMCRI under Dr. H. V. Nataraja
- ◆ Mentorship Program: All new members can opt to have a senior cutaneous surgeon as a mentor.
- ◆ Official Journal: Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery (JCAS) is PubMed Indexed and available for browsing at www.jcasonline.com Editor: Dr. Somesh Gupta Editor Elect: Dr. Niti Khunger
- ◆ Free Subscription for Members: Members also receive free online access to SKINMED and Journal of Drugs in Dermatology.
- ◆ Online benefits: Patient information material for Dermatotomy procedure on the website www.acsinet.net
- ◆ Online ACS(I) Directory: A Directory of all Members on www.acsinet.net
- ◆ Official Textbook: ACS(I) Textbook of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery (Editor in-Chief: Dr. Venkataram Mysore) is a unique book focusing on lasers, aesthetic and dermatotomy. Members get a 30% discount on quoting membership number to the publisher JAYPEE Brothers.
- ◆ Research grants and innovation awards for members
- ◆ Dermatotomy Registry for patient records and adverse effects: A unique, first of its kind program, wherein an online software and registry has been launched free of cost to all members.
- ◆ International Activities: ACS(I) is a member of DASIL (Dermatologists and Aesthetic Surgeons International League) and ILDS (International League of Dermatological Societies). It conducts sister society session at the World Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology (WCOCD)
- ◆ Practice Management Assistance: Legal assistance for medicolegal issues and advice regarding setting up clinics and purchase of lasers and other equipment is made available to members on request.

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ABOUT ACS(I)

The Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India – ACS(I) – is the premier organization in the country devoted to the promotion and advancement of knowledge and skills in the field of surgical and aesthetic dermatology. The aim of the association is to educate dermatologists, conduct conferences and workshops, promote research and assist in public health education in the field of dermatologic surgery and, thereby, improve the quality of cutaneous surgery training in the country.

ACS(I) is in existence since 1999. Its roots, however, go back to the last quinquennium of the 20th century when it was formed by the merger of two national bodies representing cutaneous surgeons in the country - the Association of Dermatologic Surgeons of India (ADSI) and the Indian Academy of Cutaneous Surgeons (IACS), established in 1995 and 1996 respectively.

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The ACS(I) Focus Groups & Flagship Projects

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ACS(I) Presidential Address

24 April, 2014

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Distinguished delegates on the dais, respected senior colleagues, dear members of team Wayanad, my dear colleagues of ACS(I) Executive Committee, members, delegates, friends.

On behalf of the Association of Cutaneous Surgeons of India, it is my pleasure and proud privilege to welcome you all to this 12th Annual National conference of the Association in this sylvan, serene and soporific set up of Wayanad, Kerala.

As you all know our association was formed after the amalgamation of Indian Academy of Cutaneous Surgeons (IACS) and the Association of Dermatologic Surgeons of India (ADSI). Incidentally I was fortunate to be the founding Joint General Secretary of IACS.

Bringing these two organizations under an umbrella is a milestone in the field of clinical dermatology as well as cutaneous surgery. The goal of the association is to disperse the cutting edge knowledge and training in the field of surgical dermatology. Since its inception the organization has been a guiding light to many dermatologists to know more about the subject. ACS(I) has played an integral part in developing aesthetic judgement based on ethical practice of cutaneous surgery with the root in cutaneous biology and clinical dermatology.

The society has proudly organized many conferences, workshops and CMEs for ventilation and sharing of ideas, information and exchange of opinions for the better understanding of the subject.

The Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery (JCAS), an indexed, peer-reviewed quarterly open access international journal is being published under the auspices of ACS(I). The journal covers all aspects of cutaneous and aesthetic surgery, including cutaneous surgical procedures, lasers, light based treatments, and aesthetic treatments.

ACS(I) through its various arms is devoted in spreading, sharing, debating and thereby enhancing ideas and experiences so that the young toddler field of cutaneous dermatology will mature to its full potential.

For me it was not an easy job to step into the footsteps of my predecessor, a real giant in this field, Dr. Venkataram Mysore, who was ably complemented by an astonishingly meticulous workhorse, the one and only Col. (Dr.) Manas Chatterjee.

ACS(I) has witnessed a sea-change in real sense during this phase. The society enhanced its status qualitatively, as well as and quantitatively.

A never before textbook was published under the editorship of Dr. Venkat. Various training fellowships have been initiated. Wings of international liaison were effectively spread. A joint congress with International Society of Dermatotomy (ISDS) took place in New Delhi. We joined Dermatotomy and Aesthetic Surgeons International League (DASIL). ACS(I) also became a sister society of International Academy of Cosmetic Dermatology (IACD) and conducted a session at the World Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology at Cancun, Mexico in 2012. The next World Congress is scheduled to be organized by ACS(I) with the host city as Bangalore in 2017.

I must thank Venkat, Manas and others in the board for some real exemplary leadership which was both inspiring and awe-inspiring. We salute you Sirs!

Our Honorary Treasurer, Dr. Rajib Gogoi, had a real tough time to start with. To cut a long story short, after many sleepless nights, dozens of long distance calls and countless e-mail exchanges, finally the ACS(I) account was transferred from Pune to Guwahati, a full five months after the official change of guards. So virtually our Secretariat started working barely for last six months.



In last less than one year we have tried to achieve a few things

1. Formal creation of an ACS(I) Central Council (CC)
2. First ever meeting of the CC
3. Creation of ACS(I) Yahoo Groups for EC and CC
4. ACS(I) group on LinkedIn
5. Creation of ACS(I) FB page
6. Creation of ACS(I) Focus Groups
7. Organising sister society session at World Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology (WCOCD 2013), Athens and at the 2nd DASIL Congress, Bangkok
8. Supporting the CME cum video workshop on Laser and light through the ACSI Focus Group on LASERS.
9. Initiation of Nomenclature rationalisation.
10. Formal signing of the first ever ACSICON MoU with team Wayanad
11. Launch of ACS(I) Countrywide Community Dermatosurgery Project (ACCDP)
12. Updation of the Members' database and ACSIDENTITY scheme. All the members will receive a new certificate, an attractive badge and a membership card with an international look.

Looking back, all these in such a small time may look astounding. I must thank my team of executives, especially the multitasking and ever smiling Honorary General Secretary, Dr. Shyamanta Barua, for making all these happen for our members.

Dr. Somesh Gupta is relinquishing the office of the editor of JCAS after a very successful stint and Dr. Niti Khunger is taking over as the new editor. We join our hands to thank Dr. Somesh for all his hard work. At the same time we wish Dr. Niti all the best and assure all possible cooperation from association side to take the journal to the next level.

ACSI - Dr. Reddy's Dermatosurgery Quiz (ADDQ) needs a special mention. This is undoubtedly the biggest structured countrywide Dermatosurgery quiz in the planet. This year also the prelims were successfully completed all over the country under the experienced, extremely meticulous and tireless leadership of Col Manas Chatterjee and Dr. Shyamanta Barua. The final will take place here during the conference.

ACSI is still a fledgling organisation with a large part of our leadership as well as membership in the chronologically younger age group.

They are academically erudite, temperamentally mature, constantly active, confidently working, influentially change makers and effectively much ahead of their biological age. With their decisive and definitive relentless good work our members have emerged as key opinion leaders in their fields both inside and out of the country.

These are exciting times as openings are overflowing for training. Every single technique can be learnt here, right here in India and what is more, we have seniors and institutes willing to teach.

Though it is a young association but it has matured and seasoned under several thought leaders in our field as our Presidents namely Drs. Satish Sawant, Subrata Malakar, Vinay Saraf, C. R. Srinivas, Sharad Mutalik, Narendra Patwardhan, Niti Khunger, Somesh Gupta and the quintessential Mysore Venkataram.

Like many other societies ACS(I) has also entered the next phase when we are supposed to return back something to the society at large with our expertise.

Last year when I took over, influenced by the presence and speech of our former President of India, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, I declared with much enthusiasm the ACS(I) Countrywide Community Dermatosurgery Project. We are planning to repackage this ambitious project a little this time.

It is also expected to protect the interests of our individual members. With that idea in mind we are contemplating to introduce

1. ACSI Advisory Group to deal with the laser/instrument making companies. This will be acting as an advisory and intermediary body between the individual member (customer) and the service provider (laser or other companies).
2. ACSI legal cell to help and stand by any member facing a legal case related to his/her practice.
3. ACSI taskforce in identifying countrywide quackery related to aesthetic and dermatosurgical practice and formulating measures to curb these.
4. ACSI Academy of Dermatosurgery: Academy is the natural next step to make the academic commitments of any society structured and meaningful.
5. ACSI will continue with its ongoing international partnership and will join hands with international bodies to initiate exchange fellowship.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. That's why we need to refresh our knowledge, recharge our brain cells and reaffirm our commitment with science.

That's why we are here. To take part in this 12th National conference of our society - ACSICON 2014.

The dynamic, effusively energetic but focused Team ACSICON under Dr. T. Salim, Dr. Rajiv Sridharan, Dr. K. Pavithran, Dr. Abhay Mani Martin and Dr. Karunakaran has conceptualized 'a conference with a difference'. This is going to be an 'E- conference' in every sense – electronic & eco Friendly one.

Both the scientific and social aspects are dealt in detailed depth. ACSICON 2014 will be the first Dermatology Conference in India to have the latest HD LED Wall measuring 40 x 12 feet screened for scientific presentations. This conference is the first conference to use Electronic voting pads in large scale so as to involve all delegates in the scientific deliberations.

The icing on the cake is a limited overs cricket match at the second highest cricket stadium in the country. So, in ACSICON 2014 be ready to face some academic as well as non-academic 'doosras'.

You may be happy to know that this is the first conference in the history of our composite discipline where a formal MoU has been officially signed and exchanged between the local organisers and the national body.

As per a Greek proverb "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

With deep respect to all my seniors who planted this tree of ACSI, I welcome you all to this delightful venue of Vythiri Village, Wayanad for taking part in our 12th Annual National conference.



Koushik Lahiri
President, ACS(I)
(2013-15)



The Editor Speaks



Dear ACSians,

It is a pleasure to bring out this 12th compendium of ACSIPEN. At the outset, I must thank all of you for giving me this opportunity and privilege. It is a herculean task to fill the shoes of someone as energetic and dynamic as my predecessor - Col. Dr. Manas Chatterjee - but I have strived manfully to do justice to the responsibility entrusted on me.

The first six months slipped away in taking stock of the administrative functions of my office and in the inordinately delayed financial transition that has been elaborated by Dr. Rajib Gogoi, the trusted custodian of ACS(I) funds, in his report. Nevertheless, the National Secretariat has picked up the pace once the accounts were transferred to Guwahati in November last.

The association has grown exponentially in the past few years and I am glad to inform that the membership strength of ACS(I) has crossed the 4-figure mark. The numbers will only grow further in the coming years as ACS(I) continues to make significant strides. I take this opportunity to invite prospective members to join our association and urge all of us to strive collectively in taking it to greater heights.

It was noted with consternation that there were glaring anomalies in the ACS(I) Members' Database. It, therefore, gives me immense satisfaction that we have been able to, by and large, redress most of these irregularities with the kind cooperation of all ACS(I) State Coordinators and Conveners. The ACSIdentity scheme has been a logical culmination of this updation process. As part of this initiative, all Life Members will receive an attractive badge, a membership card and a fresh membership certificate.

The organizational structure and administrative protocol of ACS(I) has been strengthened and streamlined with the formal creation of an ACS(I) Central Council (CC) with all Past Presidents, Honorary Secretaries, Editors and State Representatives on board. The first ever meeting of the ACS(I) CC was held successfully at New Delhi in December, 2013.

Exclusive Yahoo e-groups have been created for both the ACS(I) Executive Committee (EC) and CC for 24x7 interactions. Very soon, I hope to have all members aboard a general ACS(I) e-group. In keeping with the e-times, an Association Facebook Page and a dedicated LinkedIn group have been created and are operational.

The newsletter is an important publication to communicate the association's activities, achievements of members, calendar of events, and other administrative matters of interest to the members. This issue of ACSIPEN introduces a new section where members who have undergone ACS(I) Training Fellowships share their experience of the same. I invite constructive feedback and suggestions from members about this issue and look forward to their contribution for relevant sections in the subsequent issues.

I must place on record my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to my President - Dr. Koushik Lahiri, the Treasurer - Dr. Rajib Gogoi, and all distinguished members of the Executive Committee for their support, cooperation and guidance. I consider myself privileged and fortunate to be associated with such an elite and highly experienced team of office bearers.

I sign off by extending a warm welcome to all delegates to ACSICON 2014. Dr. Salim and all members of Team Wayanad are leaving no stone unturned to make it an epochal cerebral celebration and a most memorable social carnival.

Viva La ACS(I), ACSIPEN and ACSICON !

Dr. Shyamanta Barua
Honorary General Secretary, ACS(I)
(2013-15)

Honorary General Secretary's Report : May 2013 - April 2014

At the outset, I express my heartfelt thanks to all esteemed members of our Association for giving me this onerous responsibility of the post of Honorary General Secretary. I remain committed to taking forward the good work done by my predecessor, the energetic, dynamic and ever reliable Col. Dr. Manas Chatterjee.

- **Memberships:** The numerical strength of ACS(I) has crossed the 4-figure mark. The count stands at 1112 presently. What is encouraging is that a good number of young residents have become members of late. Concerted efforts have been made to correct the anomalies that had crept into the ACS(I) Members' Database over time. Fresh membership certificate templates bearing the name of the member and the membership number have been prepared and all new members have been issued such personalized certificates.
- **Focus groups:** A few new Focus Groups were created to join the two existing ones. The following are the designated ACS(I) Focus Groups along with their Coordinators - Vitiligo Surgery (Dr. Imran Majid), Isotretinoin and Procedural Dermatology (Dr. H. Omprakash), Lasers (Dr. Niteen Dhepe), Aesthetic Dermatology (Dr. Shehnaz Arsiwala), Pigmentation (Dr. Sanjeev Aurangabadkar) and Nomenclature Rationalization (Dr. Narendra Patwardhan)
- **ACS(I) Flagship Projects:** Dr. Brijesh Nair took over from Dr. Rajib Gogoi as the Coordinator of Dermatosurgery Online Registry following the latter's induction as the Honorary Treasurer. Dr. S. Sacchidanand was initially entrusted the responsibility of giving shape to the ACS(I) Countrywide Community Dermatosurgery Project (ACCDP). He, however, magnanimously offered to step down from the post of Coordinator following his University appointment. Dr. Raghunatha Reddy has taken charge as the new Coordinator of ACCDP .
- **ACS(I) State Representatives:** As part of the initiative to strengthen the state units of the Association, energetic new members have been inducted as State Conveners to assist the State Coordinators. Some of the State Coordinators, who were assigned other organizational responsibilities, have been replaced by fresh faces. The names of all State representatives with their mail ids have been listed in the ACS(I) Central Council page.
- **Formation of ACS(I) Central Council (CC):** The organizational structure and administrative protocol of ACS(I) has been strengthened and streamlined with the formal creation of an ACS(I) Central Council (CC) with all Past Presidents, Honorary Secretaries, Editors and State Representatives on board.
- **ACS(I) Yahoo e-groups:** Exclusive Yahoo e-groups have been created for both the ACS(I) Executive Committee (EC) and CC and are operational for 24x7 interactions. Very soon, a general ACS(I) Yahoo e-group for all members will be floated.
- **ACS(I) on social media:** To keep up with the buzz on social media, an Association Facebook (FB) Page to serve as a bulletin board and a dedicated LinkedIn group for interaction amongst professionals have been created and are operational since May last year. There already existed a closed FB group exclusive for all members.
- **CME cum Video workshop on Laser and Light:** The ACS(I) Focus Group on Lasers extended support to the CME cum Video workshop on Laser and Light held on June 2, 2013 at Pune.
- **ACS(I) at WCOCD, Athens:** Two exclusive sessions of ACS(I) were held at the World Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology at Athens on June 27-30, 2013. As many as 37 dermatologists from India attended the scientific sessions allotted to ACS(I).
- **ACS(I) at DASIL Congress, Bangkok:** Dr. Venkataram Mysore coordinated an ACS(I) session at the 2nd Annual Congress of Dermatosurgery and Aesthetic Surgeons International League (DASIL) at Bangkok on November 6-10, 2013.



- **ACS(I) Central Council Meeting:** The first ever meeting of the ACS(I) CC was held successfully at New Delhi in December, 2013. A total of 36 members attended the meeting and took active part in the deliberations.
- **ACSICON 2014 Venue Inspection:** The venue inspection for ACSICON 2014 was done on January 11-12, 2013. The Inspection team comprised the ACS(I) President, Hon. Gen. Secretary and Vice President, Dr. Raghunatha Reddy. It took stock of all facilities and arrangements for the scientific, culinary, social and recreational events of the conference. The Local Organizing and Scientific teams were at hand to answer all queries raised. A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was officially signed and exchanged between the local organizers and the national body for the first time ever in the history of our Association and probably that of our composite discipline.
- **ACSICON 2014 Central Scientific Committee:** In pursuance of the resolution taken at the Central Council meeting of ACS(I) at New Delhi on December 5, 2014, a Central Scientific Committee was constituted for ACSICON 2014. The Committee had on board as members Dr. Narendra Patwardhan - Past President, ACS(I), Dr. Abel Francis - ACS(I) Kerala State Coordinator, Dr. Remadevi T. J. - ACS(I) Kerala State Convener along with the ACS(I) President and Hon. Gen. Secretary as ex-officio members.
- **International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) Young Dermatologist International Achievement Award (YDIAA) 2015:** The ILDS had invited one nomination from our Association for the YDIAA for the World Congress of Dermatology 2015 at Vancouver. Applications were invited and screened by a Committee constituted for the same. The name of Dr. Anchal Jindal was proposed as the ACS(I) nominee for 2015.
- **ACS(I) - Dr. Reddy's Dermatosurgery Quiz:** The fourth edition of ACS(I) - Dr. Reddy's Dermatosurgery Quiz - ADDQ 2014 - was initiated this year after the unqualified success of the first three ones. In order to make this edition truly nationwide, the National Prelims was held in two phases on March 16 and 23, 2014 at district towns and cities besides the state capitals. Dr. Manas Chatterjee did a stupendous job as the National Coordinator of the ADDQ - 2014 Committee which had on board Drs. Brijesh Nair, Sunil Dogra, Anurag Tiwari, Biju Vasudevan and Ankur Talwar as members.
- **ACSIdentity initiative:** All ACS(I) Life Members (LMs) are being issued an attractive badge, a membership card and a fresh membership certificate as part of the ACSIdentity initiative. It may be mentioned that this scheme was proposed and unanimously passed by the house at the Central Council Meeting held at New Delhi last December. This privilege folder will, henceforth, be given to every new LM and to those Provisional Life Members (PLMs) on qualifying for LM.

Shyamanta Barua
Honorary General Secretary, ACS(I)
(2013-15)

PHOTO GALLERY : ACSICON 2013



Presidential Address



The Chief Guest speaks



When Kalam meets Koushik



The Presidents



Dr. Patwardhan delivering the Behl Oration



Behl Oration conferred on Dr. Patwardhan



The Incoming and Outgoing Presidents



The ACS(I) Executive Committee 2013-15



The Incoming Hon. Gen. Secretary

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ADDQ 2013 National Finalists : ACSICON 2013



Moods from the Cultural evening : ACSICON 2013

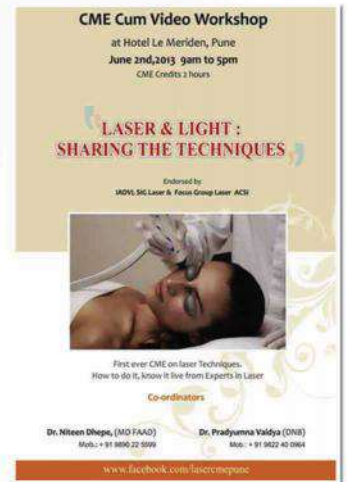


ACS(I) Session at WCOCD 2013, Athens

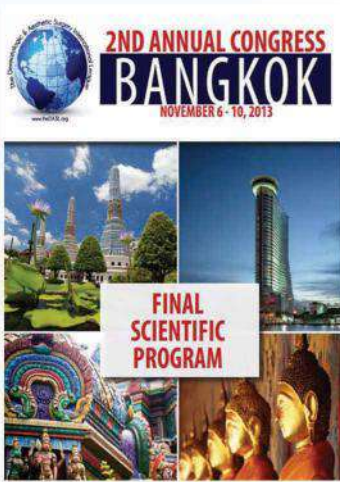
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The ACS(I) Central Council



Laser CME



DASIL, Bangkok



The first Central Council Meeting of ACS(I) at Delhi



Seed money for ACSICON 2015



ADDQ 2014 National Prelims

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Welcome to Wayanad



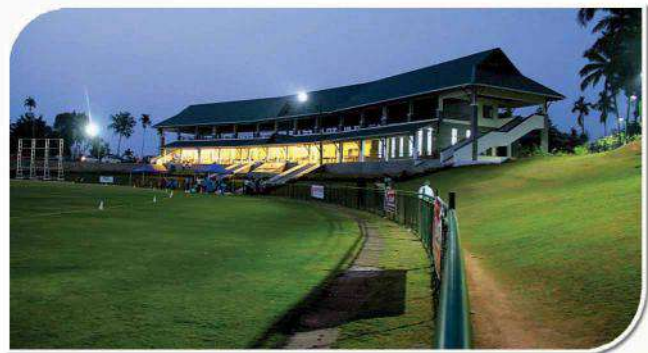
Explore the Lap of Nature



Team ACSICON 2014



The signing of the historic ACSICON MoU



Venue for Cricket Match and Banquet



ACSICON 2015_ First meeting of Core Committee



ACSICON 2015 Venue : Science City, Kolkata



ACSICON 2015 Venue : Plenary Hall

The Treasurer Speaks



Traditionally the Treasurer's report published in ACSIPEN has always been the balance sheet, the Income & Expenditure account and the Profit & Loss account of the association. At the time of this issue of ACSIPEN going to the press, these documents remain to be finalized. The change of guard in ACS(I), a new team of auditors looking into the accounts and finally new tax rules & regulations delaying finalization of the last ACSICON accounts have all contributed to this delay. However, the gross picture is well visible now and only finer computations remain to be done over next 5 days time before I present the accounts in the General Body meeting in Wayanad next week.

Two specific issues need to be mentioned here as I feel we all need to discuss these seriously and take some decisions.

The excess of Income over expenditure during the last financial year is in excess of INR 32 lakhs. We spent only about 13.5% of the total income during the year. And we spent only about 2.3% of total income in activities that directly promoted academics and not a single penny for a social cause. We must work out well-designed plans to promote such activities and spend money on such programs instead of paying tax on the surplus.

The complexities of Service tax and stringent IT rules have made organizing a conference a difficult job. New Income tax and Service tax rules & regulations are coming into play and everything is certainly not crystal clear right now. We need to keep our eyes and ears open on the flow of events and situation may demand some very important informed decisions on our part befitting the new environment.

A minor 3rd issue is worth mentioning here. A savings bank account of ACS(I) is being maintained in HDFC bank, earlier at Pune and now in Guwahati. After the new Executive Committee took charge and the account had to be transferred to Guwahati, the transfer and change of authorized signatories were not found to be as smooth as a privileged customer would expect. The outgoing and incoming Executive Committee members had to do a sort of identification parade in a Patna branch of HDFC bank during the last MIDDERMICON in August, 2013 where we all could get together after the change of guard in Bengaluru in April, 2013. Finally it happened thereafter, but it took a painstaking 6 (six) months time during which period the functioning of our secretariat was grossly affected and we had an unfortunate slow take off! Clearly the personal benefits of the executives of a private bank in having a high value account under their jurisdiction seemed to get priority over the rights and convenience of a loyal customer. I have also observed complacency on part of the bank executives while attending to various service requests we made. We are yet to get online access to our own account and this request was made 4 months back! This has resulted in a consistent and visible delay in our response to new membership applications throughout the year. Overall it has been a forgettable banking experience which I hope will improve in days to come.

I request all members of ACS(I) who will attend ACSICON2014 to attend the GBM where I shall present the accounts of ACS(I) in detail for discussion and approval of the members before the IT return for the Assessment year 2014-15 is filed within June, 2014.

Dr. Rajib Kr. Gogoi
Honorary Treasurer, ACS(I)
(2013-15)

ACS(I) Training Fellowship – My Experience



I was till recently a lost and confused soul struggling hard to gain a foothold in the field of aesthetics and dermatosurgery. Though I always had a keen eye for cutaneous surgeries, I was busy learning the basics and clinical dermatology during my post graduation period. Then one fine day, a childhood acquaintance introduced me to the idea of membership of ACS(I) and its attendant privileges. Upon becoming a Life Member of the Association, I subsequently applied for the month-long training fellowship and was delighted to be informed that my application had been accepted at the centre of my choice.

My training thus started in mid-January this year under the tutelage of Dr. Niti Khunger at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. A great academican, a workaholic, an extremely calm lady with immense patience, Dr. Niti needs no formal introduction to the dermatology fraternity.

With a lot of apprehension and anxiety, I walked into the Operation Theatre (OT) on my first day to find a smiling Dr. Niti and her team of residents discussing the long OT list. A whole lot of varied procedures were posted for the day and at the end of the busy OT day, I had to rush home to refer my books to keep pace with the storehouse of knowledge and information shared. This busy schedule soon became an everyday affair.

I came across a number of stable vitiligo patients walking out with a smile on their face after procedures ranging from mini punch grafting (MPG) to split thickness skin grafting (STSG) to non-cultured epidermal cell suspension (NCES). During one of the days, I happened to interact with a patient in her late twenties who had recently got engaged. The girl had vitiligo vulgaris since the last 18 years and had faced social embarrassment, humiliation and rejection in all phases of her life. She was undergoing surgical treatments since the last one and half years and had come that day for her final sitting of STSG before her wedding. Her fiancé had accompanied her and it felt truly good to see the totally grateful couple walking away together smiling.

I saw patients suffering from low self esteem with prolonged acne scars gain back their confidence after undergoing procedures like subcision and suction, collagen induction therapy like dermaroller, punch elevation, punch excision, punch grafts, TCA CROSS, fat transplants etc. My apprehension regarding the application of different peels in varied indications always lingered. But my mentor's analytical approach to the use of peels dispelled any residual doubts.

Patients undergoing sclerotherapy for vascular malformations such as lymphangioma circumscriptum, glomuvenous malformations, Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome and others also had wonderful results. I observed that these patients come diligently for their multiple sittings feeling more thrilled and positive at every successive visit.

Plenty of work was being done in the OT in the field of hair restoration as well. I had the privilege to assist a number of hair transplant cases where the modern hair restoration techniques were being done. I also had the opportunity to see a number of fat transplants on patients of en coup de sabre morphea, LE profundus with cheek atrophy, post traumatic atrophic scars with excellent results.

I was immensely fortunate to see the latest procedures like PRPs being used for alopecia and also being used in combination with FUE. The efficacy of PRP is demonstrated in not only enhancing wound healing after hair transplantation, but also in enhancing the survival of transplanted follicular units. Besides alopecia, PRP was also being done in the OT as a treatment for acne scars, nasolabial folds and facial rejuvenation.

All good things come to an end and so did my hectic month-long training fellowship. I shall forever cherish the academically fruitful and enriching times spent at Safdarjung Hospital with Madam and all her SRs and JRs. Today, as a cutaneous surgeon, I am more positive and confident in dealing with my patients thanks to the holistic hands-on training received. My sincere and heartfelt gratitude to ACS(I) for giving me this golden opportunity that will stand me in good stead to deal with the professional challenges to come.

Dr. Nandini Dutta
ND/ACSI/1010

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF CUTANEOUS SURGEONS (I) HELD DURING ACSICON 2013 AT BENGALURU ON 27 APRIL, 2013

1. The Annual General Body meeting of ACS(I) was held on 27 Apr 2013 during 11th ACSICON at Bengaluru.
2. 40 members attended the meeting in addition to all executive committee members.
3. The meeting started with confirmation of minutes of last GBM held on 13 April 2012 at the ACSI-ISDS meeting at Delhi as detailed in the ACSI newsletter. The same was passed. Proposed by Dr Vinay Saraf and seconded by Dr C R Srinivas.
4. Thereafter, confirmation of decisions taken by ACSI executive in Jan 2013 during DERMACON 2013 was sought, as mentioned in ACSI newsletter of Apr 2013. All actions on the same had already been taken. The same was passed. Proposed by Dr Sharad Mutalik and seconded by Dr Sanjeev Aurangabadkar.
5. The Secretary's report as detailed in the ACSI Newsletter of Apr 2013 was passed. Proposed by Dr Imran Majid and seconded by Dr N G Patwardhan.
6. The Balance Sheet of the Association as detailed in the Newsletter of Apr 2013 was passed. Rs 65,00,000/- is lying in savings account, of which Rs 30,00,000/- is in savings account. It was suggested to put additional Rs 25,00,000/- in fixed deposit.
7. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Progress on financial position of the Association has been made under the guidance of the present executive.
 - b. During the period of the present executive, income had accrued from memberships and surplus from the conferences (ACSICONS) at Aurangabad, Kaziranga, ACS(I) – ISDS conference, Delhi and the first ACSIZONE – Bhubaneshwar, Orissa 2012.
 - c. ACS(I) has under taken various activities on a regular basis which needs regular funds as enunciated in the Secretary's report.
 - d. To avoid burden on the central fund the Association was able to generate funds from the pharma industry. The ACSI-Dr Reddy's Dermatotomy Quiz is being sponsored by Dr Reddy's Lab for 5 yrs (5 lakhs for 5 yrs) and the ACSI website by Galderma (Rs 25,000/- per year for 5 yrs). In addition, Rs 1 lakh per year for 5 yrs is being paid by Galderma for the JCAS website.
 - e. FDs have been made in HDFC and Bank of India.
 - f. Issues that remain are Net banking (to be sorted out by next executive), PAN card for individual conferences (to start PAN for all conferences) and JCAS PAN card (to continue ACS(I) PAN card).
8. Audited accounts of ACSI-ISDS conf 2012:
 - a. Presentation of audited accounts of ACS(I)-ISDS Conference at Gurgaon 2012 was made by Dr Niti Khunger.
 - b. A profit of 91,990/- would accrue to ACS(I).
9. JCAS report:
 - a. Frequency raised from 3 to 4 issues in 2012.
 - b. Article submission has increased.
 - c. Editorial board efficiency has increased.
 - d. The number of reviewers has increased.
 - e. Acceptance rate has come down to 41%
 - f. Authors from abroad and from India are almost the same.
 - g. Monthly downloads have increased to 4 times in the past year.
 - h. Rs 6 lakhs is available in the JCAS account of which 1,67,786/- is to be paid to publisher. Details are in the Newsletter.
 - i. It was suggested that some amount of new membership fee should be available for the journal to reduce the burden for the editor. The amount of 20% of membership is to be given to the journal as needed.

- j. Dr Patwardhan suggested to reduce the number of plastic surgery articles, which Dr Somesh accepted. It was suggested to send a copy of the journal to all academic institutions.
 - k. JCAS account was passed by Dr N G Patwardhan and seconded by Dr Niteen Dhepe.
10. Accounts of ACSIZONE 2012
- a. Amount of Rs 40,000/- transferred to ACS(I)
 - b. Accounts are in the newsletter.
11. ACS(I) Textbook account
- a. ACS(I) Textbook Royalty generated is Rs 6,59,000/- after TDS. 3000 books have been sold in a year. Torrent is buying another 1000 copies.
 - b. Jaypee is negotiating with a European company for distribution in Europe.
 - c. Dr Venkataram Mysore was requested to be editor of the second edition of the book after 2 years which he accepted.
12. Membership cancellation of Dr Katyayan Mishra:
- a. A one sentence letter to be sent to Dr Katyayan Mishra cancelling his membership of ACS(I) and the same to be informed to IADVL. The letter to read 'In response to your letter, your membership is hereby cancelled.'
13. Launch of ACSICON 2014 logo
- a. Launch of website www.acsicon.com for all ACSICONS
 - b. The conference venue was introduced by Dr Salim
14. ACSICON valedictory function
- a. This will be held on the last day of the conference, after the scientific program is over, in the main hall of the conference. The venue will be announced by the Organizing Secretary of the conference. Valedictory function should not clash with conference or workshop.
 - b. The seating arrangement on the dais is as below:
New ACSI executive, Immediate Past President and Secretary, Org Chairperson and Secretary, Scientific Chairperson and Secretary and Editor JCAS (in alternate years, one and two Presidents and Secretaries will be on the dais)
 - c. The program of the function will be as follows
 - i. Welcome speech by the Organizing Secretary: 2 minutes
 - ii. Address by the Chairperson of the organizing committee: 3 minutes
 - iii. Address by the imm Past President: 3 minutes
 - iv. Address by the President: 2 minutes
 - v. Presentation of the awards (the Honorary General Secretary in co-ordination with the Org Secretary will arrange for certificates, medals, etc. and announce the names of winners) • Fellowship award from NE, best paper from North-East award, best publication in JCAS from NE, best publication from J and K, award paper awards, poster awards, ACSI research award, young dermatosurgeon award, innovation award). Of these, the ACS(I) awards can be also given during the ACS(I) session if there in the conf
 - vi. Distribution of appreciation certificates by ACSI to the ACSICON organizers
 - vii. Address by the Organizing Committee Chairperson or Secretary of the ensuing DERMACON
 - viii. Appraisals and views of the delegates of ACSICON
 - ix. Vote of thanks by the Organizing Secretary of the conference.
15. ACSICON inaugural function
- a. Presence of ACS(I) past President in addition to editor JCAS during inauguration function.
 - b. ACS(I) awards and Fellowship award can be given during ACSI session if the same is there in the conf

16. Service Tax

- a. Service Tax for ACSICON and change of registration structure: EC signatures obtained.
- b. 12 A will reduce the income tax being levied; however, after that, expenditures have to be increased
- c. Requirements of 12 A have already been fulfilled and forms submitted as below:
 - i. Application in Form 10A in Triplicate (attached herewith)
 - ii. Certified copy of Trust Deed
 - iii. Registration Certificate of Bombay Public Trust Act.
 - iv. Copy of PAN Card.
 - v. Copy of Income Tax Returns filled for preceding 3 Years. (In our case for 2 Years)
 - vi. Declaration u/s. 13(1)(c) duly signed by all trustees.
 - vii. List of names and addresses of all Trustees with their PANs.
 - viii. List of donors above Rs. 5000/- for all years if applicable in our case.
 - ix. Any other requirement called by Income Tax Officer at the time of Registration.

17. Quiz prizes during ACSICON:

- a. Proposal for registration for next ACSICON for quiz winners and runners-up: Dr Reddy's Laboratory will pay.
- b. ACSI pays additional Rs 5000/- for the winning team and Rs 3000/- for the runners-up team.

18. Sutures Practicum Workshop:

- a. One workshop in July and one during ACSICON 2014
- b. One more workshop proposed in 2014 at Kolkata with Command Hospital (EC) as the venue
- c. A laser workshop was proposed by Dr C R Srinivas and a Sutures Practicum workshop at BMCRI by Dr S Sacchidanand. The same was approved by the house.

19. Bidding for ACSICONS and ACSIZONES:

- a. The proforma for the same is in the ACSI newsletter
- b. It has been approved that this bid proforma should include components of the IADVL bid proforma to make it complete.

20. Bids for ACSICON 2015:

- a. Kolkata: host ACSICON 2015
- b. Lucknow: their bidders were not there and hence, bid was not accepted for 2015

21. International Congress:

- a. Dr Venkat as Congress President during WCOCD 2017 passed by the House

22. Points from Dr Koushik Lahiri, Vice President:

- a. Community Dermatosurgery: Members of the ACS(I) should give back to the community by the way of running free clinics/performing surgical procedures free of cost for a certain number of cases in a month
- b. The same can be certified by ACS(I) on the basis of endorsement by the patient/s and one another person not related to the clinic.
- c. The new President can formulate a committee to undertake this Project.

23. Points from the ACS(I) executive:

- a. Starting a Focus Group within ACS(I)
 - i. To deal with Lasers: Dr Niteen Dhepe
 - ii. To deal with vitiligo: Dr Imran Majid
 - iii. Aesthetics: Dr Shehnaz Arsiwala
 - iv. Registry: Dr Brijesh Nair
 - v. Isotretinoin: Dr Omprakash
 - vi. Training: Dr S Sacchidanand



24. Points from Secretary:

- a. Secretarial expenses must be increased
- b. The cost of employing even a driver in Kolkata is Rs 7000/-, similar if not more in Pune
- c. A part time secretarial help does not come below Rs 5000/-
- d. Have been paying Rs 5000/- for part time help twice a week (basically membership correspondence)
- e. Telephone calls need to be factored in
- f. Approved: Secretarial expenses to be increased to Rs 5000/- per month with retrospective effect for one year.

25. Dr T Salim: Reducing the difference in registration fees between members and non-members: approved

26. Dr C R Srinivas: To have one hall and conference alternate year

- a. GB decision: Have 2 halls in addition to workshop on separate day.
- b. Reduce number of invited faculty
- c. Have conference every year

27. Advertisement in Facebook:

- a. No advertisement of clinic or hospital on FB: Approved by GB

28. ACS(I) on Social Media Network: Dr Sunaina Hameed

- a. Have an ACS(I) page on FB open to all in addition to the present FB group open to members only: approved

29. ACSI-Dr Reddy's Dermatosurgery Quiz – modification: Dr Umashankar to have it at Zonal level: deferred

30. Proposals from Dr Venkataram Mysore, ACS(I) President:

- a. ACS(I) Research grants and Innovation award: form available in newsletter: passed
 - i. The applicants will submit their project proposal in the prescribed form. Last date for submission is 1st June of the year. Date of announcement of result is 20 August. Secretary will accept the applications. Scientific Research Project Committee consisting of President, Secretary, Past president. The list of awardees will be announced by 1st September. Awardee should mandatorily attend ACSICON and present Preliminary results. If grants are taken from other source, it will not be accepted. Dissertation can also be submitted for the research grants. The amount will depend on the requirement of the project, to a maximum of Rs 50,000. The total amount sanctioned in a year will not exceed Rs 1,50,000. The final results will be submitted during subsequent ACSICON and will be submitted for publication in JCAS. The amount sanctioned will be spent towards infrastructure such as reagents, instruments or equipment - it will not be spent on stationery, salary or items like camera. All details of how the amount is spent including copies of invoices should be submitted both with the preliminary and final reports.
- b. Young dermatosurgeon award: passed and as in newsletter
- c. Cash prizes for award winners of award papers and posters during ACSICON: passed
 - i. Rs 5000, 4000 for two award paper prizes
 - ii. Rs 3000, 2000, 1500 to poster winners
 - iii. Quiz winners as above
- d. Finance Committee
 - i. There shall be a finance committee consisting of:
 1. Past treasurer (Chairman)
 2. Immediate Past president
 3. Past Secretary
 4. Two former Presidents/Secretaries
 5. Ex-officio: President, Secretary and treasurer (convenor)
 - ii. The duties of Finance committee:
 1. The finance committee will act in an advisory capacity only; it will guide the EC in all major financial transactions. All transactions/proposals needing expenses above Rs 1 lakh will be

referred to the finance committee. The finance committee will also function as the internal auditor for all conference accounts, and will submit a report to AGM after receiving accounts.

2. It will be the job of the finance committee to submit a report on expense as per the following format:

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| a. Registration expense | b. Delegate bags |
| c. Venue expense | d. Audio-visual |
| e. Food | f. Entertainment |
| g. Publications | h. Website and publicity |
| i. Travel | j. Accommodation |
| k. Event management | l. Others |
| m. Compare with previous two conferences under the same heads | |

3. Income as per following format:

- Registration for conf and workshop
- Industry
- Compare with previous two years

31. Admin matters:

- Change of name to ACSI: ACS(I) Executive: to be done at Pune by Dr N G Patwardhan and Dr Niteen Dhepe in association with Dr Archana Singhal and Dr Niti Khunger at Delhi
- Dr A Gulanikar: Three applications: Dr Deshmukh Sunil, Dr Reena Jain and Dr Ramesh Gosavi: registration amount has not been received as they paid to him but the amount has somehow not been credited to ACS(I) account. Dr Gulanikar requested that their registration to be adjusted with the surplus generated from the Aurangabad conference: confirmed as they have paid, to make them members.
- ACSI(I) Fellowship centres: Confirmation of BMCRI and Dr Maya Vedamurthy's centres as Fellowship centres: confirmed
- ACSI(I) directory: denouement as the company could not get advertisement for the offline directory and the online directory has been approved by the GB. The chapter of the ACS(I) Offline Directory stands closed.

32. Election and installation of new ACS(I) executive: Dr Sharad Mutalik

- All posts for two years, except that of the editor which is for a period of three years, extendable by another year
- President (one post): Dr Koushik Lahiri (WB/ACSI 232)
- Vice Presidents (two posts): Dr Manas Chatterjee (MP/ACSI/75), Dr Raghunatha Reddy (KN/ACSI/355)
- Secretary (one post): Dr Shyamanta Barua (AS/ACSI/417)
- Treasurer (one post): Dr Rajib Gogoi (AS/ACSI/644)
- Joint Secretaries (two posts): Dr A Gulanikar (MH/ACSI/147), Dr Sanjeev Aurangabadkar (AP/ACSI/27), Dr T Salim (KR/ACSI/369)
- Editor JCAS (one post) (selected by a committee of Dr Venkataram Mysore, Dr Koushik Lahiri and Dr Sharad Mutalik): Dr Niti Khunger (ND/ACSI/216)
- It was decided that the present editor should be in the committee to select the next editor.

33. The GB meeting ended with felicitations to the old ACS(I) executive and other members who have served the Association.

Col. Dr. Manas Chatterjee

Secretary, ACS(I)

(2009-13)



**MINUTES OF FIRST CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF CUTANEOUS SURGEONS (I)
HELD DURING THE 42ND DERMACON & XI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY
AT HOTEL SAMRAT, NEW DELHI ON 5.12.2013 @ 10.30 AM**

1. The ACS(I) President, Dr. Koushik Lahiri, welcomed the gathering and invited the Honorary General Secretary, Dr. Shyamanta Barua, to conduct the meeting.
2. The meeting started with confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 27 April 2013 during 11th ACSICON at Bengaluru and the same was passed.
3. Dr. Pradyumna Vaidya briefed about the formalities done on **12(A) registration** and reported that it is under due process.
4. **Discussion on status of membership**
 - Dr. Shyamanta Barua reported that the membership strength of ACS(I) is well over 1000 now.
 - Dr. Narendra Patwardhan pointed out that about 10 members who had paid membership fees 10yrs back are not in the current membership list. Dr. Lahiri requested that the same maybe re-entered in the list after confirming with a senior member in the area.
5. **Focus groups and ACS(I) projects**
 - Dr. Koushik Lahiri announced the introduction of four new focus groups in addition to the existing two groups. The focus groups are **Vitiligo Surgery** (Dr. Imran Majid), **Isotretinoin and Procedural Dermatology** (Dr. H. Omprakash), **Lasers** (Dr. Niteen Dhepe), **Aesthetic Dermatology** (Dr. Shehnaz Arsiwala), **Pigmentation** (Dr. Sanjeev Aurangabadkar) and **Nomenclature Rationalization** (Dr. Narendra Patwardhan). The same was passed by the house.
 - It was decided to boost the two flagship projects running under the banner of ACS(I) Dermatosurgery Online Registry and ACS(I) Countrywide Community Dermatosurgery Project (ACCDP).
6. **State representatives**
 - The Hon. General Secretary informed that as part of the initiative to strengthen the state units of the Association, energetic new members have been inducted as State Conveners to assist the State Coordinators. Some of the State Coordinators, who were assigned other organizational responsibilities, have been replaced by fresh faces.
 - The house accepted the fresh appointments and requested the Secretary to identify the job responsibilities of the state representative and to ensure their participation in the conduct of focus groups.
7. **Overseas representatives**
 - At present the overseas representation is limited to the Gulf region. The house requested that feasibility of appointing representatives for separate regions like SAARC and Sri Lanka in addition to the Gulf region may be explored.
8. **International conference participation**
 - Two exclusive sessions of ACS(I) were held at the World Congress of Cosmetic Dermatology at Athens on June 27-30, 2013. As many as 37 dermatologists from India attended the scientific sessions allotted to ACS(I). The house appointed Dr. Venkataram to make a brief report for the next issue of ACSIPEN.
 - Dr. Venkataram Mysore coordinated an ACS(I) session at the 2nd Annual Congress of Dermatosurgery and Aesthetic Surgeons International League (DASIL) at Bangkok on November 6-10, 2013.
 - The next DASIL meeting will be held at Sun City, South Africa. It was requested that Dr. Venkataram ask for registration waiver from DASIL. Dr. Venkataram replied that DASIL is an evolving small organization and might not be able to do so as they are just balancing their financial status. However, he assured the house that he will request for the same. The house accepted his assurance.

10. Treasurer's report

- The progress of financial position of the association was presented by Dr. Rajib Gogoi, the Hon. Treasurer.
- He detailed the problems encountered and inordinate delay in shifting of the association accounts from Pune to Guwahati. He mentioned how the outgoing and incoming Executive Committee members had to do a sort of identification parade in a Patna branch of HDFC bank during the last MIDDERMACON in August, 2013 where all could get together after the change of guard in Bengaluru in April, 2013. The account finally shifted to Guwahati in the first week of November 2013 after a painstaking six months.
- The report was passed by the house.

11. ACSIdentity Initiative

- It was proposed by Dr.Koushik Lahiri that a specially designed identity kit comprising of certificates and badges would be provided to all existing ACS(I) members to rectify the membership anomalies.
- The house welcomed the idea.

12. ACS(I) - Dr. Reddy's Dermatosurgery Quiz

- The house proposed Col.Manas Chatterjee as the co-ordinator for ADDQ-2014. He accepted the honour.
- The other members of the ADDQ-2014 committee would be Drs. Brijesh Nair, Sunil Dogra, Anurag Tiwari, Biju Vasudevan and Ankur Talwar.
- Dr. Brijesh Nair and Dr. Biju Vasudevan would be the Quiz masters for this year. It was decided to invite applications for the Quiz masters from next year.
- The selection of quiz master for the year 2015 will be made during the Annual General Body Meeting to be held at Wayanad.

13. ACS(I) Countrywide Community Dermatosurgery Project

- Dr. Sacchidanand will be the team co-ordinator at the National level. It was suggested that only corrective dermatologic surgical procedures will be included in the programme.
- Dr.Niti Kunger proposed to have a "community dermatosurgery week" which will provide free dermatosurgery care to the needy in the community at their own clinics/cities on a day during the week.

14. ACS(I) Dermatosurgery Online Registry

- It was informed that the ACS(I) Dermatosurgery Online Registry is inactive since April 2013 after Dr. Rajib Gogoi handed over the charge of co-ordinatorship to Dr. Brijesh Nair.
- The house urged Dr. Brijesh Nair to be more proactive in running the registry and suggested that he might take the assistance of Dr. Rajesh Kumar in this regard. They can involve state representatives for the smooth running of the registrar.

15. ACSI Nomenclature Rationalization

- It was informed that Dr. Narendra Patwardhan will coordinate this group and Dr. Niteen Dhepe would assist him in this matter.

16. Vitiligo Stability Study

Dr. Imran Majid, the Co-ordinator of the multicentric study group, mentioned that the study is in its final stage. Data from some of the members are pending and have to be compiled and analysed. The house asked him to proceed towards publication of the work.

17. ACSI Study: Isotretinoin & procedural Dermatology.

- Dr. Venkataram Mysore, in the absence of the Co-ordinator, Dr. H. M. Omprakash, informed the house that the study is complete and will be published shortly.

18. ACSICON 2013:

- Dr. Raghunatha Reddy presented the accounts of ACSICON 2013 and the same was passed by the members. Dr. Narendra Patwardhan congratulated the ACSICON team for their good work and saving a huge fund for the association.



- Dr. Venkataram congratulated Dr. Reddy and mentioned that it wouldn't have been possible to save so much of money without Dr. Reddy's hard work.
- The house honoured the Team ACSICON 2013. Special mention was made of Dr. Venkataram, Dr. Raghunatha Reddy, Dr. B. S. Chandrasekhar, Dr. S. Sacchidanand, Dr. Sashikumar, Dr. Umashankar, and Dr. Savitha for their commendable work.
- The House also moved a resolution to honour Dr. Venkataram Mysore, the Immediate Past President of ACS(I), for being elected as President Elect of IADVL.

20. ACSICON 2014:

- Dr. T. Salim, the Organizing Secretary of ACSICON 2014 presented the current status of conference organization. The second call brochure was posted in the first week of December 2013. Over 100 people have registered for the conference. The venue inspection and signing of the memorandum will be done in the month of January 2014. Dr. Shyamanta was asked to coordinate the venue inspection in concurrence with other EC members.
- Dr. Anil Ganjoo proposed that the association should have a role in the financial deals of the conference. It was decided to involve the Treasurer with regard to this matter.

21. ACSICON 2015:

- Dr. Nilendu Sarma, Organizing Secretary of ACSICON 2015 was congratulated for releasing brochure of the conference very much in advance.

22. Website Development committee:

- The CC was of the opinion that the present website of ACSI is outdated and has to be revamped.
- The house appointed Dr. Salim as incharge of this website development committee. The work will be supervised by the Hon. General Secretary.
- The association will have 2 websites - one for the Organization (www.acsinet.net); and one as the conference portal (www.acsicon.com).

22. P. N. Behl Memorial Oration

- The prestigious P. N. Behl Memorial Oration for the year 2014 would be awarded to Dr. Niti Khunger, Past President, ACS(I).
- This was proposed by Dr. Koushik Lahiri and seconded by Dr. Shyamanta Barua.
- It was resolved that the oration awardee will be selected on application basis from next year onwards.

Dr. Shyamanta Barua

Honorary General Secretary, ACS(I)
(2013-15)

AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF CUTANEOUS SURGEONS (I) TO BE HELD DURING ACSICON 2014

Venue: Hall B, Vythiri Village Resort, Wayanad, Kerala
Time & Date: 5:30 to 7 pm, April 26, 2014

1. Opening remarks by the ACS(I) President
2. Confirmation of minutes of last AGBM held at Bengaluru on April 27, 2013
3. Confirmation of minutes of last CCM held at New Delhi on December 5, 2013
4. Report of ACS(I) Honorary General Secretary
5. Report of ACS(I) Treasurer
6. Report of Outgoing Editor, Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery (JCAS)
7. Formal installation of Incoming Editor, Journal of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery (JCAS)
8. Matters related to:
 - a. ACS(I) Study of Stability in Surgical Treatment of Vitiligo
 - b. ACS(I) Study of Safety of Procedures in patients on Isotretinoin
 - c. ACS(I) Dr. Reddy's Dermatosurgery Quiz (ADDQ)
 - d. ACS(I) Fellowship Program
 - e. ACS(I) Nomenclature Rationalization Committee
9. Status reports of ACS(I) Flagship Projects:
 - a. ACS(I) Online Dermatosurgery Registry
 - b. ACS(I) Countrywide Community Dermatosurgery Project (ACCDP)
10. Proposals from members
11. DASIL Issues
12. Discussion on accounts of ACSICON 2013
13. Progress Report of ACSICON 2015
14. Bidding for ACSICON 2016
15. Website overhaul and related matters
16. Any other business matter with the permission of the chair

Dr. Koushik Lahiri
President

Dr. Shyamanta Barua
Honorary General Secretary



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