

Dear colleagues,

Greetings from Jaipur.

As mentioned earlier, the first conference of SPOSI at the holy city of Pushkar, was a grand success with the blessings of Lord Brahma. The midterm symposium at Ludhiyana in April, 2015, was also very successful with eminent speakers on Retina, Cataract, Uvea, Oculoplastics, also participating.

We move ahead now with this year's annual conference coming on 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015, at Coimbatore. Also some points for enrichment of the society were discussed at the Executive meeting held during the midterm symposium at Ludhiyana. For the information of all members, I am briefly describing here.

- 1- To commemorate the services rendered to the society by the past presidents, a Gold Medal (gold plated), was proposed by me & accepted by the executive. This will be an Honour to them & also a memory that they can cherish all their life.
- 2- The best E-poster in the current annual conference, will be presented as full paper in the Free paper session of the next conference.

3- The best free paper of the current conference, will be read as key-note paper, in the next Conference in the free –paper session.

4- We have a system in the constitution to award Honorary membership to certain dignitaries/ Senior ophthalmologists of various subspecialties who are doing Pediatric ophthalmology work. Certain names had come up in the executive meeting; but before finalizing, more names will be sought from the members during the GBM at Coimbatore. Therefore, I request all members to please advise on some more names by email to me.

5- All the members of the executive have pledged to make at least FIVE new members extending to all subspecialties of ophthalmology, interested in Pediatric ophthalmology. Similarly, I request you all to at least make ONE new member!

The forthcoming annual SPOSI conference will be held at Coimbatore, on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015.

Dr Kalpana Narendran ,from Aravind eye Hospital, is the Organising secretary. She will be sending a detailed Brochure soon. Initial information from Coimbtore is available on the SPOSI website .

The following points may kindly be noted pertaining to the conference :

- 1- The registrations shall be sent directly to the Organising Secretary. The tariff will be intimated in the Brochure& on website. The registration is mandatory for all members & Executive.,except for five special invited faculty, specified by the Executive & as mentioned in the constitution of SPOSI.

2- Gold Medals( gold plated) will be given for Best Paper in the following categories :

- a) Dr. B.S. GOEL GOLD MEDAL- For "Strabismologist of the year".  
This Gold Medal will be given to any member who has done original work in the field of Strabismus. The recipient will be decided by the Executive committee & may/may not be related to any talk in the conference.
- b) Dr. HANUMANTHA REDDY GOLD MEDAL- Best Video in Strabismus.
- c) Dr KAMLESH GOLD MEDAL- For Best presentation in FREE PAPER sessions.
- d) Dr A K KHURANA GOLD MEDAL- Best publication in the SPOSI Journal.  
( Please send your articles at the earliest to Dr Khurana.)  
Gold medals in two new catagories have been introduced last year( verified by the GBM).
- e) Dr YOGESH SHUKLA GOLD MEDAL- For Best E-Poster . All subspecialities of Ophthalmology are eligible,but limited to pediatric ophthalmology work.
- f) Dr SUBHASH DADEYA GOLD MEDAL- For Best presentation in 'Interesting case' session.  
Open to all subspecialities of Ophthalmology, but limited to Ped. Ophthalmology.

#### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

1-The abstract ( not more than 250 words) for FREE PAPER SESSIONS & E-POSTERS ,should be submitted to the Secretary, SPOSI, latest by 31<sup>st</sup>, August, by eMAIL . Please mention registration number of society. There will be more Free Paper sessions to promote paper presentation.

2-For Dr BS GOEL GOLD MEDAL, the work done by any member in the field of 'STRABISMUS ONLY', should be submitted to the undersigned as an abstract ( not more than 500 words), latest by 31<sup>st</sup>,Aug.

3-The Invited Faculty for didactic talks will be decided by the Scientific Committee according to criteria mentioned in my first letter of Feb., 2015 & will be limited & confined to experts only.

4-For Video & Interesting case sessions, the abstract of the presentation should reach the office of the Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> September.(250 words)

We have 2 travel fellowships/ grants for young ophthalmologists. Any member who wants to avail of the facility should contact the Secretary office.

I had very specifically stressed in my previous letter to all members to send their e-mail address, but out of 705 listed members, I have e-mails of only 250. Hard copy & postage entails tremendous burden on the expenditure. Annual conference & related details will be sent as hardcopy letter, but reminders & midterm symposium information will gradually shift to emailing only. Therefore, I again request to please go to the website, browse thru the members list, & if you don't have the email listed then please send it to me.

**Important:** As mentioned in the amended Constitution, the election of VICE-PRESIDENT will be held every year. Interested members may kindly send the nomination to the Secretary office latest by 31<sup>st</sup>

October, 2015. Last date of withdrawal is 15<sup>th</sup> November. Election officer will be decided by the executive committee. The eligibility criteria is given in constitution, available on the website.

If there is any query regarding any matter, members are welcome to communicate with me via email.

With best wishes & heartfelt regards,

( Prof. yogesh shukla)

