

ASU Secretary's annual report 2017-18

It gives me great pleasure in placing before the members of Association of Southern Urologists a brief account of the year that was, the annual report for the year 2017-18. The present executive council which had taken charge in Puducherry at the valedictory function of SZUSICON 2016 continued to function with following changes and additions. In Manipal last year, Dr C Mallikarjuna took over the Presidency from Dr Kannan. Dr A Mohan demitted office of IPP which was taken over by Dr K Kannan. After assuming charge as the President Dr C Mallikarjun pledged to lead with the theme- Stay Ahead !

OBITUARY

It is with profound sadness I place on record the demise of Dr Eswar Goud, our Past president, a much loved soul and a regular at all conferences. He has left indelible impressions by his work and achievements at the zonal as well as national levels. I pray for the eternal peace of departed soul.

MEMBERSHIP (as on 4th July 2018)

Our membership stood at a total of 1177 after adding the new members-namely new full, associate and affiliate. This year I have received applications for 3 Full, 63 Associate and 2 affiliate memberships. 5 have applied for status conversion. The membership directory will be updated will be circulated among members and placed on the website after the AGM on 11th August 2017. There was no revision in membership dues which stands at 5000 INR.

ASU ACCOUNTS and DOCUMENTS

Efforts at streamlining of accounts made last year rendered transactions easy during the current year. Proper allocations permitted request for enhancement of corpora. We have generous donations from two senior members this year. A sum Rs 10, 000=00 from Dr M G Pai to enhance ASU-Prof H S Bhat midterm workshop corpus and a sum of Rs 2, 00,000 from Prof P Venugopal to strengthen ASU- Prof Nalini Venugopal CPC account for these. I place on record our deep sense of gratitude to these members for their generosity. At the beginning the ASU year,

all the documents including the amendments passed during AGM required to be filed with the registrar of societies were filed in person by the secretary and Treasurer.

ASU-Prof. H S Bhat midterm workshop

The fifth edition of ASU-Professor H S Bhat midterm workshop was held in Coimbatore under the stewardship of Drs Ganesh Gopalkrishnan and S V Kandasamy in Jenny's Club. This well attended event had Bladder cancer as the theme. As usual, it was an effort to bridge the academic with the practitioner.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Executive met three times during the year on 18th November 2017 at Coimbatore, 3rd March 2018 at Kochi and 24th June 2018 at Hyderabad. This EC continued to empower the council members like the previous year and they were motivated to take up the issues relevant to the states they represented. Subcommittee to oversee conduct of ASU-Prof. H S Bhat midterm workshop, Archival of ASU data (Scientific), Improvement in website content, Amendments to ASU constitution, developing fair and transparent guidelines constituted some of the major business transacted. The first ever ASU-State PG fellowships was awarded and executed in Manipal, from 9-15 November 2017. This council also drafted the guidelines for the PG fellowships and ASU research grants for debate and acceptance during the AGM. Important decisions taken during these have been communicated with the members through monthly updates. The executive council worked with President's theme for the year- "Stay Ahead". The executive council strove hard for an all inclusive approach all the time.

Website(www.szusi.com)

No major changes were made to the website design and content. As of now our website is not password protected which was deliberately kept like this to make access easy for members of the zone as well as those from other zones. All the major activities of the association carried out during the year are available on the website. It is also linked to USI and SZUSICON website.

Directory

Available data and that which was provided by the members from time have been incorporated into the ASU directory.

ASU Handbook

The current version of ASU Handbook 2016 which is available on the website is being updated and edited. Inputs from the members have been sought.

ARCHIVAL

The EC felt that the rich scientific material generated during ASU activities needs archival. Dr K V Vinod, Council member continued the work of retrieval of whatever is available and the compilation process is on.

WORKSHOPS/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The pending Council member activity was completed this year. Under the stewardship of Dr K V Vinod, a daylong workshop was organized at Aluva with Pediatric Urology as theme. The Association also supported ASU –State Fellowships awarded to PG students drawn from all the constituent states. The other events that were successfully conducted in zone were : 1. LUTS '18 at Hyderabad by Dr Sanjay Sinha; 2. BOE-Mock Examination for the PGs by Dr Philipraj and his group at Puducherry; 3. Cadaver workshop to train the young urologists in Urethral surgery at M S Ramaiah Bangalore by Dr D Ramesh and colleagues; 4. Workshop on reconstructive urology by Professor Miroslav from Belgrade university, at Manipal under the aegis of USI BOE by Dr Arun Chawla and colleagues; 5. UAK's Neuro vesicon at Kochi by Dr Krishana Moorthy and colleagues; 6. SOGUS AP and T's Prof Ranganatha Rao memorial workshop in SriLanka by Dr Kammela Sridhar and colleagues and 7. Lap@AINU Hyderabad by Dr C Malliakrjuna.

ASU-STATE PROJECTS

To promote unity and amity among our constituent state units and the zonal body, all state units organized preliminary rounds of quiz to culminate in a grand

finale during the annual meeting. The ASU has also developed guidelines for travelling fellowship for PG students in the zone which will be presented before the AGM this year. The details have been circulated among members. The ASU thanks the state units-UAK, TAPASU, KUA and SOGUS AP and T for the support and co-operation lent to us.

Newsletters

Three E- newsletters have been published till now which have been circulated among members and also placed on the website.

Monthly letters

The practice of monthly letters intimating the members on recent events and issues pertaining to the association started by the previous secretary was continued.

STATE UNITS

The annual conferences of all the state units took place after our annual meeting at Manipal. The president was a guest of honor in these who propagated the message of the need to stay ahead during these meetings. In addition three states (UAK, TAPASU and SOGUS AP and T) also held their midterm workshops. These activities have been covered in the newsletters.

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1. Dr H Krishna Moorthy, Past secretary, Past President and current Treasurer for his continuous guidance
2. Dr Mallikarjun C-for hosting the III EC Meeting
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4. All members for their inputs
5. Secretaries of the state units for their support
6. President Elect- for specific inputs on administration issues
7. Dr Arun Chawla, Secretary Elect for active support by way of conducting regular academic events

