

ASU Secretary's annual report 2016-17

Mr President,

It gives me great pleasure in placing before this august body a brief account of the year that was, the annual report for the year 2016-17. The present executive council took charge in Puducherry at the valedictory function of SZUSICON 2016. After assuming charge from Dr A Mohan, President Dr Krishnasamy Kannan pledged to lead with the theme-A step Forward.

1.0 OBITUARY

It is with profound sadness I place on record sad demise of two of our members this year. Drs D.Chandrasekaran and T R Murali, both hailing from Tamil Nadu were men of great professional caliber and human beings of utmost humaneness. Both have left indelible impressions by their work and achievements at the zonal as well as national levels. I pray for the eternal peace of departed souls.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stood at a total of 1126 when the present council took charge. In Puducherry conference, 8 Full; 2 Affiliate and 91 Associate members had been added. During the current year, we received 4 applications for full membership, 1 application for Affiliate membership, 50 applications for Associate membership and 17 applications for status conversion. The membership directory has been updated with the data available and will be circulated among members and placed on the website after the AGM on 12th August 2017. The year also saw a revision in membership dues to 5000 INR from the earlier 2000 INR.

3.0 UNFINISHED TASKS-ASU ACCOUNTS and DOCUMENTS

On 20th July 2016 SZUSICON 2012 account held at Andhra Bank, Hyderabad was closed after sustained efforts of the officers of previous council namely Drs A Mohan, H Krishna Moorthy and G Chengalvarayan and the funds due to Hyderabad Urological Society, the hosts for the conference was transferred to their account. This was an unfinished task, left unattended to could have attracted penal action and huge penalties for illegally holding the money under our PAN Card. Only after crossing this hurdle, the audited statements of accounts for the last financial year could be signed by all authorized signatories and the same was circulated by the treasurer Dr H Krishna Moorthy on 27-7-2016. I am happy to report that after appropriate rectification, the corpus earmarked for Late Dr Nalini Venugopal CPC could be reallocated. Corpus meant for Dr H S Bhat oration was also reinforced. The minutes of the AGM, Amendments to constitution, audited statement of accounts and other statutory documents pertaining to the current year were submitted to Registrar of Societies for current registration. All the books of accounts mandatory for Charitable Trust Institutions were prepared. All documents, including validated registration, 12 AA and 80 G exemption certificates are now available for scrutiny or inspection at any time by authorities. Commending these efforts of the treasurer, the council decided not to accept the resignation tendered by him and requested him to continue the good work.

4.0 ASU-Prof. H S Bhat midterm workshop

The fourth edition of ASU-Professor H S Bhat midterm workshop was held in Puttaparthi at the Sri Satya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Specialties Hospital on 27th November 2016. 144 delegates from all over Southern states attended this annual event of the ASU which commemorates Professor H S Bhat's contribution towards making Urology an independent specialty in India. The theme of the workshop was "UROLITHIASIS". Erudite speakers, a total of 22, covered the essentials of this common malady in a cogent and lucid manner keeping the academician as well as the practitioner in mind. The venue also happened to be the place which late Bhat had served last and most, only after his glorious academic stint at CMC Vellore. Earlier in the day, Dr Gurumurthy, Director of SSSIHMS inaugurated the workshop and narrated instances which highlighted Late Dr Bhat's stature. Dr Kannan, the President of the ASU welcomed the gathering. A pictorial slide show on Late Dr Bhat's life was beamed by the secretary. Dr R Keshavmurthy along with team Urology at Puttaparthi had put up an impressive show as organizers. A well knit program, overseen by the specially constituted sub-committee comprising of Drs Mallikarjuna C, Vinod K V and Surya Prakash V, started and ended on time. The President announced the next venue of the workshop as *Kovai* during a brief valedictory function. The program ended with *arathi* and *vedic* chants.

5.0 Executive council meetings

The Executive met four times during the year on 1st October 2016; 26th November 2016; 12th March 2017 and 10th June 2017 respectively at Goa, Puttaparthi, Hyderabad and Erode. An orientation session for the new officers was conducted by Dr A Mohan in the very first meeting which acquainted them of various aspects of functioning of a registered body and apprised them of their duties and responsibilities. This EC chose to empower the council members like never before and they were motivated to take up the issues relevant to the states they represented. Sub-committee 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. 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-"A step forward". The executive council strove hard for an all inclusive approach all the time.

6.0 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.

7.0 Directory

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

8.0 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.

9.0 ARCHIVAL

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

10.0 WORKSHOPS

Three workshops were organized under the aegis of the association. These were spearheaded by the council members and financially supported by the association. The first in the series was at Manipal in March 2017, organized by Dr Arun Chawla and supported by Dr Dilip Dhanpal, the theme being “ Supine PCNL by Guido Guisti followed by the second one at Hyderabad, organized by Dr Mallikarjuna C and supported by Dr Surya Prakash V, the theme being RIRS with Dr Anup Patel, UK as the lead faculty and the last one was at Erode in June 2017, organized by Dr M Prabhakar, the theme being PCNL-Basics to Future with Dr Ravindra Sabnis as the lead faculty. The details of these are available on the website.

11.0 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 evolved a travelling fellowship for PG students in the zone and this year the selected PG students will visit the department of Urology, CMC Vellore. Treasurer Dr H Krishna Moorthy was instrumental in developing guidelines and obtaining academic sponsors for these events. The details have been circulated among members. The ASU thanks the state units-UAK, TAPASU, KUA an SOGUS AP and T for the support and co-operation lent to us.

12.0 Newsletters

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

13.0 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.

14.0 STATE UNITS

The annual conferences of all the state units took place after our annual meeting at Puducherry. The president was a guest of honor in these who propagated the message of unity and amity 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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