



SPINE SOCIETY - DELHI CHAPTER MEETING
19th May, 2012
7:30 pm onwards
Seminar hall no. 3, conference block, 1st Floor,
India International Centre

1. Dr Rushma Tandon, the host for the meeting, welcomed all members.

2. Agenda of the meeting

The pre circulated agenda of the meeting was as under:-

Timing	Topic
7.30 – 8.30	General Body Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ratification of Minutes of the previous meeting● Action taken report on minutes of previous meeting● Report on ASSICON 2012● Annual meeting of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter of 2012● Fellowship of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter● Website of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter● Term of the present Office Bearers● Any other point
8.30 – 9.30	Case Presentations
9.30 onwards	Dinner

3. Ratification of Minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting were resolved unanimously

4. Action Taken Report on Minutes of previous meeting

- The Action Taken report on decisions of the previous Meeting was presented by Dr H S Chhabra.

5. Report on ASSICON 2012

- **Dr. H.S. Chhabra presented the report on ASSICON 2012 as under:-**

The Silver Jubilee (25th) Annual Conference of Association of Spine Surgeons of India (ASSICON 2012) was organized by Spine Society – Delhi Chapter at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi from 23rd to 26th February, 2012.

For the first time in the history of ASSI, 7 societies collaborated with ASSI and contributed to the scientific deliberations. On each afternoon during the first three day of the conference there were parallel sessions of Scoliosis Research Society (SRS), International Society for Study of Lumbar Spine (ISSLS), International Spinal Cord Society (ISCOs), International Group for Advancement in Spine Surgery (IGASS) and Neurological Society of India (NSI). On the last day there was a session of World Endoscopic Navigated & Minimal Invasive Spine Surgery (WENMISS). Overseas Spine Surgeons of Indian Origin also conducted a session. The participating Presidents /Immediate Past Presidents of the societies were honoured by President ASSI during the conference.

26 international and 80 Indian faculty participated in the conference. There were 423 participants and 38 exhibitors.

There were 4 pre conference workshops - Spinal Osteotomies & Restoration of balance in Scoliosis; Non fusion techniques for early onset scoliosis; Atlantoaxial / occipito cervical fixation and standalone cervical spine cage; and Multilevel percutaneous pedicle screws. Four companies i.e. Medtronic India, Globus Medical, Synthes and Orthofix participated in the workshops.

There were 58 invited talks, 12 Panel discussions, 59 free paper presentations & 65 poster presentations. The format of panel discussions using illustrative cases was appreciated in general by the participants. The PG Training session on “Evaluation of Cervical Spine and interpreting images in clinical practice” by Dr VT Ingalhalikar, conducted in joint collaboration with Delhi Orthopaedic association, was well attended.

Dr Ashok Thomas was given the ASSI clinical research award 2012 for his study titled " A Prospective Randomised Control Study comparing Lumbar Spinous Process Splitting Decompression and Conventional Midline Decompression fro Degenerative Lumbar Canal Stenosis - A Clinical & Biomechanical analysis", Dr H. S. Chhabra was awarded ASSI basic science award 2012 for his work on " Validation of bone marrow cells for autologous bone marrow cell transplantation in persons with acute spinal cord injury - An Indian Pilot Study”, Dr

Ajay Kothari was presented the Young investigator award 2012 for his study titled "Prevalence & Patterns of Degenerative Disc Disease (DDD) in the Whole Spine - Hierarchical Cluster Analysis of Pan - spine MRI Images of 785 subjects with & without Back Pain". The prestigious VTI gold medal award was won by Dr Mihir Bapat for his paper titled "Management of craniovertebral junction tuberculosis; a protocol".

The ASSI Spine Registry was launched during the conference. Dr Rajasekaran and Dr. Rishi Kanna briefed the representatives of the participating institutions about the details of the registry during a special session of the conference.

Dr Naresh Trehan delivered the ASSI oration on "Building Future Healthcare in India". Dr Rajasekaran urged the members of ASSI to contribute to the society through his Presidential address on "Let's Pledge to Give".

Maj HPS Ahluwalia was the Chief Guest during the inauguration ceremony. His motivational talk struck a chord with all the participants and he was given a standing ovation. Dr. S M Tuli, Dr P K Dave, Air Marshal A S Chahal, A K Banerjee, & Col V S Madan were honoured with Spine Society - Delhi Chapter's Life Time Achievement Award in the field of spine surgery during the inaugural ceremony.

The Banquet dinner was held in the lawns of the majestic Hotel Imperial with the colourful theme of Holi. Dr Manoj Sharma enthralled the audience with his melodious ghazals.

It was overall a successful conference with the faculty and delegates giving a good feedback of the conference.

- **Dr. Chhabra also presented the accounts of ASSICON 2012**

The salient features of the provisional income and expenditure accounts of ASSICON-2012 were as under:-

- A total amount of Rs.1.65 Crore was generated through Sponsorships & Registration Charges.

- A total expenditure of Rs.1.61 crore was incurred.
- A surplus of Rs.4.5 lacs were left in the bank account for ASSICON 2012.
- Since the society does not have Exemption Certificate U/S 12A the entire surplus will attract Income Tax.

The Accounts of the conference are being audited and the audited report would be presented in the Annual General Meeting of the Society

Dr Chhabra informed that the following Sponsors had still not paid:-

➤ Stryker	100000
➤ Baxter	60000

6. Annual meeting of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter

The Annual Meeting of Spine Society Delhi Chapter had been initially scheduled for early April. Dr Rupinder Chahal had negotiated a good package at Sariska Palace for the meeting on 12th -13th May. The meeting had to be postponed due to poor response of members. It was decided in the meeting that the Annual meeting could be held in the month of September or October 2012.

Dr. R.S. Chahal and Dr. Gururaj were given the responsibility of further arrangements regarding the annual meeting.

7. Fellowship of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter

Dr Chhabra informed that members that the Guidelines of Fellowship of Spine Society- Delhi Chapter had already been approved. It was decided that the fellowship of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter could be started soon and the proposed stipend could be Rs. 50,000/- per month. Members were requested to look for sponsors for the fellowship.

8. Website of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter

Dr Chhabra informed the members that the Website of the Society needed updation. Dr Rupinder Chahal mentioned that he would get the needful done.

9. Term of present office bearers:

Dr Chhabra informed the members that the term of present office bearers has already expired. His suggestion that the elections could be held in the next Spine Society - Delhi Chapter meeting was unanimously approved. The members requested Dr. Col V.S. Madan to be the election returning officer. It was decided that the nomination for the various posts including that of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & Executive Members should be forwarded to Col V S Madan latest by 23rd July, 2012.

10. Case Presentation

Dr Rushma tandon coordinated the academic meeting & following cases were presented.

1. Hemangioliipoma of spine presenting as paraparesis in 50 year old male- Dr. Rajat Mahajan (ISIC)
2. Posterior coloum shortening in Potts Spine- Dr. Ved Pal Yadav
3. Degenerative Scoliosis- Dr. Jitendra Kumar Rout
4. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
5. Dr. R.S. Chahal - Dorso Lumbar deformity
6. ROLE OF PORTABLE NAVIGATION DEVICE - Pedi Guard® IN SAFE PLACEMENT OF PEDICLE SCREWS- Dr. S.K. Rajan

The momentos were given to the case presenters as a token of appreciation

The case presentations were followed by dinner.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Subsequent Meetings of Spine Society - Delhi Chapter for 2012

The following would be the hosts for the Spine Society - Delhi Chapter meetings of 2012

- 28th July 2012- Dr. Manoj Sharma
- September 2012- Dr. Yash Gulati
- November 2012- SGRh
