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Minutes of 4th EC meeting held on 9.6.2019 at Saveetha Dental College, Chennai

The 4th EC meeting of the ISPPD was held on 9th June 2019 in Watson & Crick Hall of Savitha Dental College, Chennai. After collaring the Presidential collar, Dr Baby John called meeting to order & requested General Secretary to start the proceedings. Following discussions were held agenda wise-

Agenda -1 Confirmation of the minutes of 3rd EC Meeting

The General Secretary informed that the minutes of the 3rd EC meeting were sent to all members. Few suggestions were received from members which were included. Minutes were passed unanimously.

- Agenda -2 Finalizations of Society's By-laws: Dr. Sharath was in-charge of finalizing the bylaws but due to his father's demise, he could not attend this meeting. Following suggestions were given by members which after discussion, included in the bylaws:
 - (i) Affiliate Membership: Society is getting lots of enquiries for affiliate membership even from Indians outside India. Anyone who has obtained a MDS degree in Dentistry including pediatric dentistry and anyone got a Post graduate degree from other countries in pediatric dentistry can become an Affiliate member. Dr. Dhanu said we can issue a letter for affiliate membership so that they can become members and attend our conferences. Thus we can increase our membership base as well.
 - (ii) Student membership converting to Life membership: This point was discussed at length. No decision was taken on this and decided to discuss in the next meeting. It was decided that Student's membership is to be accepted only with the consent of the HOD. Though lots of interpretations were there, not able to arrive at any conclusion.



(iii) Tenure of Office Bearers: Had detailed discussions and following tenures were decided:

a. President – Tenure for one year

b. General Secretary - Tenure for 3 years – but can serve for 2 terms if EC Recommends /

approves it or by election

- c. Joint Secretary Tenure for 3 year nominated post
- d. Editor Tenure for 3 years elected post
 e. EC members Tenure for 1 year elected post

e. EC members - Tenure for 1 year – elected post

Criteria for EC members: 8-12 years of becoming ISPPD member.

- (iv) Quorum: For AGM first adjournment will be when only 50% members are present. After 5 minutes, whether all the members are present or not, AGM will start. It was expressed that it is the responsibility of the member to attend the AGM.
- (v) Dr. Nikhil said that we do not have the originals of the Society registration. Though searched every where, but could not find it. Dr. Pandit informed that the original registration certificate was there. It was suggested to approach Dr. Indu Sekar who will be able to help us. Dr I K Pandit also said that original receipt was there as evidence of the ISPPD registration.
- (vi) Many people are going for publication in JISPPD and we can make it mandatory that they have to be an ISPPD member for publications and the membership number should also be mentioned along with their names.
- Agenda -3 Finalization of Society's by laws for starting State Chapters: This was discussed at length. Dr. Pandit was initially not in favour of State Chapters and later said it must be mandatory for state chapter members to be ISPPD members. Dr Muthu said that starting state chapter will be beneficial and if found to be successful we can consider the need for regional chapters in due course. Minimum members for a state chapters should be 25. It was decided that State Chapter members should first be an ISPPD members.
- Agenda -4 Finalization of ISPPD-NOHP guidelines: Dr. Shantanu gave detailed PPT presentation of various projects/proposals by Government / Government bodies and the procedure to apply for the same. ISPPD has been planning to have a tie up with NOHP. We can start with the pit and fissure sealant programme which is already an ongoing project. Already pilot study has been carried out by NOHP and can be further enhanced to the larger set of the society.

School health programme: NOHP is already running this programme with different government institutions in our country. If we tie up with NOHP, we will have some identity as such.

We have RBSK – early intervention was from birth to up to 18 years. Dr. Vijay Mathur explained in detail regarding the functioning of RBSK.

It was suggested to include 'scientific fare' in ISPPD-NOHP in which children and parents from nearby schools can be given information thus creating awareness of children oral health. This is a well documented programme like the one done by Colgate "brushing" programme. We can also do "fluoride rinsing programme".

It was also highlighted that with academicians of ISPPD and NOHP - pool of data available could be utilized for various scientific researches by both the organizations.

- Agenda -5 Society's IT Returns: General Secretary happily informed that after 9 years, Society's IT return for 17-18 has been filed. All the members showed concerns that after filing this year's returns, IT department will ask the society to file returns for the previous years as well. Members were happy & considered as an achievement for filing current year returns and thanked our CA Mr Dhunna.
- Agenda -6 Finalization of new scholarship/ grants & awards: The General Secretary informed that our society has funds of approximately Rs 1.3 Crores. Out of this, if we put 75 Lakhs in FD, it will fetch approx. Rs 5.5 Lakhs as interest which can be utilized for giving scholarships/ grants and awards. The following proposals were discussed & finalized

1. ISPPD Travel Grant (2 x 50,000)		Rs.	Rs. 1,00,000.00	
(Travel gran	t is only for travel outside India for Research project)			
2. ISPPD Research assistance grant for Life Members: 6 x 25,000:		Rs. 1,50,000.00		
ISPPD Research assistance grant for PGs 15 x10,000		Rs.	1,50,000.00	
3. ISPPD Essay Competition: 1 x 3000, 1 x 2000, 10 x 1,000 each		Rs.	15,000,00	
4. ISPPD Community Activities Award: 1 x 10,000		Rs.	20,000.00	
	1 x 6,000			
	1 x 4,000			
5. Children's week award: 2 x 3000, 2 x 2000, 10 x 1000		Rs.	20,000.00	
6. Best Paper Awards - Best Conference Paper		Rs.	8,000.00	
	Best Conference Poster	Rs.	5,000.00	
	Best Convention Paper	Rs.	7,000.00	
	Best Convention Poster	Rs.	5,000.00	
		Rs. 4	Rs. 4,80,000.00	

Another Rs 20,000/- can also be given for other awards.

Agenda -7 Appointment of Assistant Treasurer:

Name of Dr Himanshu Kapoor was proposed by General Secretary as Assistant Treasurer of ISPPD as he has already served as Treasurer during Meerut PG Convention & successfully done it. His name was unanimously accepted by all the members. Dr Himanshu thanked every member for posing faith in him.

Agenda -8 Supplementary Agenda

- (i) Change of Society's name- General Secretary informed that he had spoken to one of the brokers in Chandigarh through Dr Virat Galhotra and he agreed to help us in changing the name of the Society & issue a fresh Registration certificate. the total expenses may be approx. Rs 20,000/- The house agreed on it & requested to get it done at the earliest. Query was raised that the department name is not changed. Dr. Nikhil said DCI has changed the name from Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry to "Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry". Dr. Vijay Mathur said we have to put this in our website. Dr. Muthu said we can put this in our next news letter as well so that it goes to all members.
- (ii) Movie making competition- Suggestions were there that we can develop short movies on "ISPPD video awareness competition" for promotional work to put on social media and on our website. Dr. Muthu suggested that 3 awards of Rs 7,000/-, 5,000/- and 3000/- may be initiated. On the day of giving awards, he/she has to be a member of ISPPD.
 - Dr. Rohan suggested having videos for face book/social media/You Tube. He said the approx cost will be Rs. 5,000/- per month and the suggestion was welcomed and asked him to work on this.
- (iii) Existing Pattern of UG/ PG exams- the matter was differed for next meeting.
- (iv) Conference/ Convention Guidelines- It was decided to consider it after finalizing Society's bylaws & bylaws for starting state chapters.
- (v) Misc agenda- Website: It was proposed by Gen Secretary that from 2020, ISPPD will have one website and one CA for HO, conferences & conventions. The website people have given a quote for maintaining and running of the website for Rs. 3 Lakhs. All the members felt that this was on the higher side for maintaining and running of website. Few members expressed that creating a website with interactive facility might cost a little high as 3 Lakhs but maintaining and running will cost may be around 10,000/- monthly. For a query Dr. Nikhil said that office has not paid

anything so far. Dr. Muthu said, may be the previous office have been making payments. We can negotiate with him and if he is not agreeing, get a competitive quote from another source. They will be charging LOC for conference and convention separately and they will give a page for conference and convention. Hence the LOC of convention and conference need not spend money on creating a website individually.

- (vi). Editor Office- After Meerut convention, Assit Editor got the password etc. from editor & cleared most of the backlog and promised to finish before July 2019 and there will not be any backlog after July. Dr. Baby John suggested that along with sending mails to the reviewers, a sms alert should also go to them.
 - Dr. Muthu felt that if you send a paper for review, you should send to the people who are experienced in that field. When we get an e mail for review, if you are accepting you have to click on the link, and then it automatically goes to the next stage. If you do not click the link, it will wait for a week and then send another mail. Even then, there is no clicking on the ink, it will be sent to another reviewer. This is how journals work. Hope the system is followed by **MedKnow** also.
- (vii) IAPD membership to the Society: Dr. Muthu said IAPD is an international body. We do not have any direct benefits by becoming a member but if in future, you want to become a Secretary of IAPD or any other positions, this will become a requirement. If not, this will deter our ISPPD members from becoming office bearers of IAPD. They have fees based on your membership numbers. If we are talking Society's membership, we have to continue to become a member. The current fee for that is around 1300-1600 Euros for 2 years. So 50000 per year i.e. 5000 per month approx. We have to see if ISPPD can afford it. Without any link, members can go and attend the events. But as a society, you will not be part of the larger group which is not good for ISPPD.

Regarding benefits if ISPPD becoming a member of IAPD. Dr. Nikhil and Dr. Baby John had been requested to discuss on this at Cancun Congress.

IAPD has requested India to host its summit. When enquired, understand that there is no financial commitment for ISPPD. November Conference dates are not confirmed. We can meet and tell Ms. Gail about our convention. If they want, they can do the summit this year otherwise next year. Also to find out what are the benefits for ISPPD for doing this summit?

It was brought to the attention of the floor that few people are representing our Society without the knowledge of ISPPD. It was decided to write to International bodies & request them to ask ISPPD office for its representatives.

- (viii) **Provisional DCI Registration**: Dr Namineni raised the question can students be provisionally registered while doing internship? Gen Secretary informed the house that the provision has been started from this year.
- PEDOCON 2020 in Ahmedabad: Dr. Shantanu gave a very detailed PPT presentation of the venue, programme, registration, facilities available at the venue and their plans as to how they are going to conduct the event. There were lots of discussions regarding registrations fees and life member ship. It was expressed by Dr. Nikhil that the registration fees are on the higher side. Dr. Shantanu explained that if you see the benefits offered to the delegates you will find the registration fee is justified. Dr. Muthu said 18% GST element is a burden on the organizers. They can have members and non-members registration category. It was suggested to give a package of registration and accommodation for students. To reduce the expenses, it was suggested that accompanying person will not get conference kit.
- (x) Colgate-ISPPD Smile Card Initiative- Dr Sunil from Colgate who attended meeting as special invitee informed about the ambitious project of Colgate to introduce Smile Card initiative with the aim of dental disease (caries) prevention in children & enabling cashless/ reimbursement mode of dental treatment support. He also explained that
 - a. Pilot in Delhi & Mumbai with gradual expansion to other geographies
 - b. Beside dental treatment, objective to educate & inculcate brushing habit for good oral hygiene and dental disease prevention
 - c. We are in the process of planning a series of activation campaigns for this project and would need the active support of ISPPD in the form of scientific endorsement, spokesperson at various in-house and external platforms, etc. for which we would schedule a meeting shortly to discuss these in detail.
 - d. Since we are in the designing phase of the Smile Card wherein the logos would have to be placed, we would request you to please share the open files (.ai or printable file) of the ISPPD logo to

create the draft design of the card. The house was in the opinion to further discuss the matter before saying final YES.

(xi) Travel reimbursement for EC members: Dr Muthu suggested, since society has sufficient funds, they can think of reimbursing travel expenses of EC members, atleast to a fixed amount. Dr. Nikhil said they have started providing accommodation and they will look into travel - may be at a later date.

In the end, President & Gen Secretary thanked all the members specially special invitees Dr I K Pandit, Dr Rohan Bhat & Dr Sunil from Colgate for their presence & active involvement in making the meeting a fruitful one. They also thanked Savitha Dental College & its faculty namely Dr EMG Subramanium for hosting the meeting. Thereafter President declared the meeting adjourned & requested everyone to join on Lunch.

Dr. J Baby John President Dr. Nikhil Srivastava General Secretary