MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE SIOP ASIA CONTINENTAL DIVISION, HELD AT BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA ON 12TH OCTOBER 2001



A group of Asian members who attended

The meeting was attended by the following: Y Tsuchida, Japan, MA Mannan, BanglaDesh, N Dalvi, India, NM Lokeshwar, India, BR Agarwal, India, T Sugimoto, Japan, H Hosoi, Japan, A Kapadia, India, J Cutland, UK, S Cutland, UK, J Zhang, China, Q Wang, China, CCF Godfrey, China, KC Lee, Korea, CR Shi, China, L Kai-Hsin, Taiwan, J Chen, Taiwan, F Bessho, Japan, X Sun, China, G Bode, Germany, RK Marwaha, India, N Usmani, USA, T Ara, Bangla Desh, T Tadashi, Japan, NC Shah, India, Priyakumari T., India, RB Dalvi, India.

Dr Sawada thanked the members for their support and introduced Dr BR Agarwal as the candidate for the next President of SIOP-Asia - continental division, his candidature was announced at Amsterdam and accepted at the SIOP board meeting held at Brisbane. Dr BRA accepted this and thanked the previous presidents who had laid the foundation for the development of SIOP Asia. There were 140 SIOP Asia members from 17 different countries attending the meeting at Brisbane. BA then made a Presentation on the Future plans for SIOP Asia wrt the following aspects:

- 1. **Membership**: he asked whether it would be feasible/appropriate to have a separate membership for SIOP Asia. It was discussed that members may not be willing to do so and whether there would be people becoming SIOP Asia members without a SIOP membership. This idea was stalled for the present.
- **2. Newsletter**: Dr BA's proposal to start a SIOP Asia Newsletter on a quarterly or 6 monthly basis was welcomed. He proposed Dr MR Lokeshwar as Editor of this newsletter, which was seconded by Dr A Sachdeva and approved. Dr MRL accepted the same and promised to do his best.
- **3. Finances**: Dr BA suggested whether 10% of registration fees collected for all SIOP Asia sponsored activities should be contributed to SIOP Asia to build up finances for its activities. Dr Mannan proposed the same which was seconded by Dr Usmani and passed. Dr BA had put up to the SIOP board asking for some financial help for the running costs of SIOP Asia, however Dr Daniel Green, Secretary, SIOP who was present said it was not presently possible to do so.
- **4. SIOP Asia GBM**: Dr BA suggested that we could hold the SIOP Asia GBM on an alternating basis between the SIPOP Asia meeting which is held biannually and the main SIOP meeting. This was proposed by Dr Mannan and seconded by Dr Usmani and passed.
- **5.** Constituting the **SIOP Asia Executive Committee**: The following members were proposed and accepted.

President – Dr Bharat Agarwal, Secretary- Dr Rashmi Dalvi, Members -

Dr Anupam Sachdeva, India,

Dr Fumio Bessho, Japan,

Dr Jinhua Zhang, China,

Dr Seo, Korea,

Dr Sutariyo, Indonesia (to confirm)

Dr Shamvil Asraf, Pakistan(proposed in proxy,

to confirm),

Dr Mannan, Bangla Desh

Special Liason Member for Pediatric Onco-logy in SAARC region (South Asia): Dr Purna Kurkure

6. SIOP Asia 2002 Meeting, New Delhi, India: Drs MR Lokeshwar & LS Arya, Chairperson and organizing Secretary, respectively of the SIOP Asia 2002 meeting, both made individual presentations on the meeting. Dr T Tadashi suggested that the registrations should be reduced by \$50 in all categories and limted to \$350. Members from South Asia requested that post graduate student registrations should be limited to RS 1500.

7.Statutes & Bids of SIOP Asia: These were put up by Dr Sawada previously. They were all sorted except for the issue on separate SIOP Asia membership.Dr MR Lokeshwar proposed the same and Dr Marwaha seconded it.

8. Future meetings: Dr Arifin had verbally expressed the desire to hold the 2004 meeting in Malysia, however he was not present to concur on the same. For the 2006 meeting Dr Mannan from Bangla Desh, Dr Suradej from Thailand and Dr Seo from Korea had bid to play host. However as Dr Seo was not present it was decided to sort out this matter later.

The meeting concluded with Dr Agarwal thanking all members for their participation.

Sd/- **Dr Rashmi Dalvi, MD** Secretary, SIOP-Asia.