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Delhi Orthopaedic Association 2009–2012

Dear friends,

By the time the December issue of our journal reaches your table, I would have completed my tenure as Secretary DOA. I therefore take this opportunity to share some thoughts with all of you.

I never planned on taking up this post but somehow some friends coerced me just before the GBM of DOACN 2009 at AIIMS. In retrospect I am glad I agreed as it's been a great experience and I have made several friends during this period.

I was fortunate to have very supportive presidents in Dr. S. K. S. Marya, Dr. Vikram Dogra and presently Dr. Rajesh Malhotra. As you may be aware the post of Sec., Jt. Sec., Treasurer, and Editors is for 3 years and the rest of Executive Body for 1 year. The outstanding core team of Dr. Dhananjay, Dr. Lalit Maini, Dr. Chandeeep Singh and Mr. Ramesh Pandey made my job extremely light.

I started out with a vision, which is far from complete, and I hope my successor is able to deliver where I have failed.

So, WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED DURING THIS PERIOD?

Let me start by informing you that all decisions were taken in a democratic manner. The Executive Committee meetings were regularly held every alternate month with an average attendance of more than 80% members.

Our financial health is sound and our corpus has grown significantly since we took over. Dr. Lalit will give a detailed account in his report and I can proudly vouch that not a single paisa has been misused.

The journal of DOA was re-launched with a new and revamped content and look, as – The Journal Of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma. I am sure you have all appreciated its quality.

All communication has been made paperless after collecting contact details of most members. We are able to save substantially on paper and postage.

The database put together has also helped us to launch the new photo directory during DOACON 2011.

The constitution of DOA, which was framed in 2008, needed major changes, and with the ratification of the GBM the new constitution was compiled.

A major thrust has been towards improving the academic content of our meetings and this alone I feel can improve attendance. We have succeeded to a great extent as borne by the fact that the quarterly meeting in Jan 2012 had more than

150 delegates and 22 posters. However a lot needs to be done in this regard.

Most major conferences in Delhi have involved DOA as co-hosts. Discounted registration of members is an add-on benefit as in the upcoming APOA.

We now have a comprehensive and updated website with an event calendar and links.

The new PG-teaching initiative to be held on the last Saturday of each month was started this year and has taken up very well.

Last year we felt the need for a CME on Musculoskeletal Imaging for upcoming Orthopedic Surgeons and practitioners. The response was tremendous and this year we hope to have it on a larger scale.

NOW COMING TO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

There's a huge scope for increasing the number of members and also urging our members to take up IOA membership. I am sure that 2013 with the Sec and President of IOA being from Delhi will be special for us.

Organizers of meeting and CME in Delhi need to pool resources and talent and target audience from all over India and neighboring countries. For this we need to rise above petty differences and work as a cohesive group (instead of three shoulder CMEs in 2 months, why not ONE mega international event???)

Delhi is studded with stalwarts, but when it comes to organizing a mega event, we sometimes end up working at cross-purposes and the final outcome is short of "outstanding".

I truly believe that the Orthopedic Fraternity of Delhi has not yet delivered to its potential and I hope my successor will take on this challenge.

My thanks to all of you for all the love and support given. May DOA rise to new heights.

Amen. And regards

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