

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGISTS & VENEREOLOGISTS

Annual report for the year 1968.

This year of the Indian Association of Dermatologists & Venereologists started with the Tenth Annual Conference held at Cuttack in the third week of January, 1968. The conference was well attended and the scientific sessions were inspiring. The stimulating Presidential address delivered by Dr. T. K. Mehta gave a great impetus to the deliberations of the conference.

A sub-committee to amend the constitution and bye-laws of the Indian Association of Dermatologists and Venereologists was constituted with Dr. Ved Prakash as Chairman and Dr. B. M. S. Bedi as convenor. With its help and with the help of the executive committee of the Northern Branch, certain amendments have now been proposed which have already been circulated to all the members. After these have been adopted, we can claim to have our constitution improved and brought upto date.

Dr. Sharat C. Desai Chairman, Scientific committee resigned from post. We record with grateful thanks his contribution to the scientific committee and hope that he shall continue to extend his guidance. Prof. K. C. Kandhari was requested by the president to act as chairman Scientific Committee and we are very thankful to him for having kindly acceded to our request. The scientific sub-committee has put forth its report for improvement which can be usefully discussed and adopted by the association.

Prof. K. C. Kandhari and Dr. D. N. Mulay were nominated as the representatives of the Indian Association of Dermatologists & Venereologists to the Federation of Association/Societies of India which has been holding its meetings regularly at Delhi. However, in view of the speciality wing now constituted by the Indian Medical Association to look after the interests of the various specialities, the usefulness of the Federation may now be mooted. This subject however needs further discussion.

We had during the year the following distinguished guests :

Dr. F. Serri, Secretary General, International Congress of Dermatology who visited the Western and Northern Branches. He delivered talks which were very much appreciated. Prof. R. Ven-Breshem from Antwerp visited Bombay and gave a talk to the Western Branch. Dr. T. I. Rayan from the Institute of Dermatology, London visited Northern Branch and gave interesting talks at Delhi.

The President Dr. T. K. Mehta paid an informal visit to Delhi and the Northern Branch and we had a lunch, and a get together in his honour. This also provided an opportunity for discussion of important organisational matters regarding the association. I am of the opinion that such visits by the president and the general secretary to all the branches shall help to boost up the association and should be encouraged on pooled resources.

The president Dr. T. K. Mehta had circulated a proforma regarding the undergraduate and post-graduate teaching in Dermatology to the various universities and teaching institutions in the country. We look forward to his summing up of the collected information.

I may seize this opportunity to bring forth certain of my difficulties in the organisational sphere. The system of election of the president, general secretary and central council members needs to be streamlined because I experienced lot of difficulties to get the timely information from the members. It may be worthwhile to discuss out the elections for the next year before the closing session of the conference.

I had to face difficulties to get funds for my work as general secretary because the account could not be operated with office bearers being placed at different stations. This needs to be looked into so as to evolve a workable formula. Moreover the collection of subscription needs to be improved to augment our dwindling funds.

In the end, I must express my thanks and gratitude to Dr. T. K. Mehta our president, prof. Khadhari, Dr. Desai and Dr. Mulay for their ever-willing help, advice and guidance to me in my work as general secretary. I am also thankful to the secretaries of our branches for their cooperation.

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGISTS & VENEREOLOGISTS XI ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD IN JANUARY, 1969 AT HYDERABAD.

By

B. M. S. BEDI, General Secretary.

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the IADV was held jointly with XXIV Joint Annual Conference of the Association of Physicians of India at the Osmania Medical College Residency from 22nd January, 1969 to 25th January, 1969.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The conference was inaugurated on 22-1-69 at an impressive ceremony by the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh. The function was graced by the Health Minister of Andhra Pradesh and the Mayor of Hyderabad.

The afternoon of 22nd January was a joint session where the Presidents of the various participating associations delivered their respective presidential addresses. There was some confusion as to the topic for their talks. Some spoke purely scientific paper, others on the history of medicine and few on their personal problems. There was a diversity of thoughts, topics and ideas. In this connection it must be said that the Presidential address delivered by our President Dr. D. N. Mulay was rather outstanding and was very well received and highly appreciated in that larger audience.