

## REPORT OF HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY, IADVL FOR 1986

Dear colleagues,

I must thank our President and other office bearers of our Association who helped me very much all-round. Also, I must thank those who have pointed out my lapses, as the same will help me to improve the Association.

Eleven months have just passed and I have not yet been able to get the things settled in the way I wanted. The maximum time was taken away by the correspondence regarding the impasse involved with Dr. D.K. Gupta. The rest of the time was spent on clearing the subscription of the members. Too many of our members are defaulters. Keeping the records of the members by a code number with the branch, the centre and the journal in the same way should simplify the work. My request to the branch secretaries is that while paying the CFC, kindly refer by the members' number supplied from the centre. This will help in the correspondence regarding each member. I also request that the application forms of new members should be checked before despatch. While remitting the CFC of members, the change from associate member to ordinary member if any, must be mentioned.

As per our constitutional rules, one cannot become a life member without paying the arrears. In many cases, this has happened in the past. These arrears are to be realised to regularise it.

Dr. F. Handa, our past President, has once again made a nice precedence by raising the incentive prize money from Rs. 100 to Rs. 200 by depositing another Rs. 1,000 in addition to the earlier deposit of Rs. 1,000 relating to his Oration money. Unfortunately, his nucleus deposit for the IADVL building fund did not receive any further addition from any other corner.

I wish that the members will help to collect funds for the Indian Journal of Dermatology Venereology and Leprology by purchasing the Association crest at the rate of Rs. 10/- each. If each member decides to donate even Rs. 10/- each for the journal per year, we can have approximately 10,000 rupees additional per year.

From this year, two more awards i.e. Dr. B.B. Gokhale and Prof. B.N. Banerjee awards have been added. For these awards, an amount of Rs. 10,000 each plus Rs. 400 to compensate the deficit of interest for this year has been deposited with the IADVL. Mrs. Ambady has also sent Rs. 10,000 for the Ambady oration. We now have approximately Rs. 1,82,000 in fixed deposit M/s. Glaxo India and M/s. Fulford have refused to deposit the stipulated amount with IADVL as per Dr. Gopinathan's recommendation.

We have not yet been able to finalise the terms and conditions for the IADVL training fellowships, the decision for which had already been taken in the last general body meeting. I hope that this task will be completed this year.

We have not yet received the share of the centre or settlement of the advance given to Dr. D.K. Gupta for the 14th IADVL conference held at Jabalpur last year. It is hoped that the organising secretary of that conference Dr. D.K. Gupta will settle the same at an early date. As the conference was organized by a central member (not belonging to any branch), the savings should be divided into two parts, the centre and the journal. It is proposed that the share of the centre received from each conference is added to the amount reserved for the IADVL training fellowships.

As is obvious from the records 5 years back members from Madhya Pradesh were given

permission to form a state branch. This has not taken any shape. Still permission has been denied to a proposal of separation into two branches from a combined branch where we find maximum number of defaulters.

The journal contribution is to be made by 31st March each year. If the members do not forget this date, the journal can be supplied without interruption. I specially request the central members to remit their subscription before that date. I had also prepared the list of defaulters and sent the same to the branch secretaries. If they kindly make an effort to release the dues, we can have more members actively participating in the Association.

30th September is the last date for paying

CFC for a member to become eligible as a voter. If the subscription is paid late, the member loses his right to vote. If the branch secretaries send the CFC much earlier than the 30th September, there will be enough time to check the voters lists properly and to despatch the same to the Returning Officer. There is a too long gap between the submission of nomination papers and the last date for withdrawal of the names.

I hope you will enjoy the conference and make yourself comfortable. I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

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