

## EDITORIAL

### VI JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGISTS & VENEREOLOGISTS

The sixth conference of our Association was held like last year jointly with Physicians and others at Patiala in a climate of biting cold from 23rd January to 26th January 1964.

But for the severe cold and its equally shivering effects on the delegates, the conference was a thumping success both jointly and severally from all aspects. In spite of the inclement weather the attendance was not only satisfactory but heartening compared to what obtained last year at Calcutta. May be the railway concession was partly responsible for it. We earnestly hope that more and more members of our Association will attend the annual conference and add to the structure and stature of our association and make it a vociferous body.

Apart from the inauguration of the joint conference by Dr. Bhargav one of the Punjab ministers, our scientific session began with central council meeting and Presidential address which is printed elsewhere in full. It was encouraging to the editor to find that several members notably Dr. Mulay and others, shared his views on postgraduate training in D & V as already published by way of editorial in October/December 1963 issue of our journal. The central council appointed a subcommittee to redraft the constitution of the association so as to modernise it. It was also asked to go into all matters of interest to our association.

Another noteworthy feature of business meetings was a resolution from the chair on the urgent necessity for the two rival bodies to join hands and form one single organization like the paediatricians. This was passed unanimously with loud applause. Further, Prof. Kandhari was empowered to pursue the matter to its logical conclusion.

Dr. Sharat C. Desai of Bombay, in his presidential address dwelt at great length on urgent need for research in the speciality and presented a plan on methodology of carrying out research. He also pointed out that papers and subjects for next conference should be thought and planned in advance for proper completion in a year's period. The address was well received and appreciated by a full audience.

As regards the journal, everybody from President downwards had nothing but praise for its impressive progress in spite of many deficiencies and defects pointed out by the editor himself in his report. They will be removed in course time.

Reverting to scientific programme, the experimental work on leuco-derma by Dr. Gopinathan deserves special mention. This problem (Leuco-derma) is both a medical and social one for our country. We urge that more and more people should take active interest in this problem. In this connection panel discussion on "Dyschromia" was quite lively and instructive. The symposium on Electro-phoretic pattern in skin diseases demonstrated to the hilt the utility of division of common work. The pattern in different skin disorders was well presented by

different group of workers. It is to the credit of Skin Department of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Chief: Prof. Kandhari) that it presented a report on P. M. findings of 2 cases of pemphigus vulgaris. This was well presented by Dr. Bedi. We take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Ramesh Sanzgiri, a young paediatrician of promise from Bombay for taking active part in our conference by presenting interesting and informative paper on electro-phoretic pattern in leprosy.

Finally it is my pleasant duty to congratulate and thank Dr. Prakash and his band of workers for their untiring efforts and zeal in making the joint conference a tremendous success. They had spared no pains to see that each delegate is comfortable. Of course they felt that they had no control over the weather!

Next conference is to be held at Bangalore where we are assured of bracing weather and hence expect a greater attendance. We appeal to all our members to muster strong at Bangalore.

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