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# *From the Secretarial Desk*

*Greetings of the year!*

*A new chapter is starting in our society. A new team has taken over charge in our national conference at Lucknow, ISNACC 2015. Now is the time to consolidate all the programs of the earlier years and to start the newer initiatives.*

*Our society's PDF-Neuroanaesthesiology course is doing very well. This year exit exam was conducted at NIMHANS, Bangalore and eleven candidates passed out with flying colors. They were given the certificates in the inaugural ceremony of the ISNACC 2015, at Lucknow. This year, the DNB board is starting the 2 year PDF- Neuroanaesthesia and critical care. All the members/ institutions interested in this program should apply at the earliest.*

*Our society is the first internationally affiliated society of the Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care (SNACC). Our society is also affiliated to The Neuroanaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland (NASGBI). This is indeed a great moment. The credit should go to Dr Hemanshu and team members. Our members should utilize this opportunity to register for the conferences at the member's rate.*

*As our president said, quality research is lacking in India. It is difficult to achieve that in a short span of time. However, we have to make a beginning. All the academic institutions should actively encourage the research among their faculty and students. Students and junior faculty with bright ideas should be **actively** encouraged. With the aim of taking the neuroanaesthesia research forward, we did form a group called NeuroAnaesthesia Research Group of India (NARGI) under the leadership of Dr Umamaheswara Rao and Dr Dash in Bhopal. We initially planned a simple study and the data acquisition is over from three institutions i.e. NIMHANS, AIIMS, PGIMER. We are in the process of analyzing the data. We have to do many more collaborative research studies.*

*The strength of the society is its members. We need to increase our society's membership number. Every member of our society should actively encourage their colleagues to become the members of our society. Once again, we thank all the members for giving us the opportunity to serve the society.*



*Dr V J Ramesh*

*Secretary – ISNACC*



*Dr M Radhakrishnan*

*Treasurer - ISNACC*

*Share with us your experiences, achievements, or any other story of success!*

*Send us your entries at:*

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# *President's Message*

Dear ISNACC Members,

It is with great pleasure and honour, I take the mantle of President of this august body ISNACC, for this year. I am sure; my Executive committee would commit to do all possible endeavors in our reach.

In 1995, a few luminaries like Dr. Dash from AIIMS, Dr. Jawahar Choudhury, who at that time was at VIMHANS, New Delhi and other Neuroanaesthesiologists got together and conceived the idea of starting a society for Neuroanaesthesiologists. Thus ISNACC was born. The first conference of ISNACC was held in New Delhi in 1996 organised by Dr. Mary Abraham. Since then the tradition of annual conferences has continued.

Many projects which were conceived over the years have seen the light of the day. To mention a few, we were able to have a good financial support, thanks to the organizers of annual conferences. Their generous donations have to ISNACC has made us financially strong. We are able to provide financial grants to support academic activities of members, such as attending International conferences to present their work, and research projects. Our membership strength has been growing.

Nearly five years ago the society started a Post Doctoral Fellowship courses in Neuroanaesthesia and Critical Care. So far it has been a good success with presently about seven institutions offering the one year course. A good number of students have taken the advantage of the same and has been certified by the Society. The society also took initiative to start Post doctoral DNB in Neuroanaesthesia. Last year, the National Board of Examinations has now approved the two year DNB course and has called for applications from institutions to start the DNB courses. It is hoped many more persons opt to take DNB courses. We already have DM course in Neuroanaesthesia running in Institutes like AIIMS, NIMHANS, Sri Chitra Institute and many others. These courses have provided opportunity for properly trained neuroanaesthetists availability in the country.

Whereas we have achieved significantly in terms of Neuroanaesthesia courses and adequate man power training, we still lag behind about research. The society has been providing research grants for quite some time. However, few institutions have utilized this opportunity. This year we would like to put more emphasis on research. We would definitely strive to support original research, by adequate funding.

As we all know, we do not have our own epidemiological statistics on head injury, nor on any other aspects of neuroanaesthesia. Let us make a beginning this year by opening a Registry on Trauma and Head Injury. The previous executive lead by Dr. Chawla has already initiated popularizing the GCS score in various Indian languages for easy interpretation. We shall continue to support the same. I request all the members to participate and cooperate in this initiative.



# *President's Message...*

Last year, one of the important achievements was starting of the Indian Journal of Neuroanaesthesiology, with three issues per year. It is our duty to make sure that articles of International Standards are published in our journal. We plan to generate a corpus amount for the self sustaining of the journal in future. We hope this year our Journal gets listed by the Pub Med, under the able Editorship of Dr. Parmod Bithal.

The growth of the society depends on the members. We need to enroll more members. In this endeavor, I request all the present members to encourage at least one or two additional members to join our society. Let "Each one Reach One" be our motto. As Swamy Vivekananda has said "Think, Dream and Live". To achieve our set goal, we need to think ideas, dream and live and execute them. I request all members to forward any suggestions they have to me or any executive members and actively participate in the growth of our society.

I once again congratulate and thank all the previous Executive members, particularly the outgoing President Dr. Rajiv Chawla, outgoing Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. Hemanshu Prabhakar and Dr. Girija Prasad Rath for the excellent work they have done during their tenure.

Long Live ISNACC, Jai Hind!



(Dr.G.Parameswara)

President ISNACC

ISNACC  
becomes  
SNACC's *first* official  
internationally affiliated  
Society!

ISNACC  
is now  
affiliated to the  
Neuroanaesthesia Society of Great  
Britain and Ireland (NASGBI)

# *Achievements!!*

1. The following candidates successfully completed their ISNACC Post-doctoral Fellowship [2014]
  1. Vinita Naidu [Kokilaben Dhirubai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai]
  2. Dipti Haridas [Kokilaben Dhirubai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai]
  3. Shwetal Goraksha [PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai]
  4. Bhoomika Thakore [PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai]
  5. Arnab Dasgupta [Max Hospital, Saket, New Delhi]
  6. Abhijeet Raha [Max Hospital, Saket, New Delhi]
  7. Anurag Aggarwal [Fortis Hospital, NOIDA]
  8. Dimple Shah [Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata, Kolkata]
  9. Amitayu Nandi [Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata, Kolkata]
  10. Sajal Mukherjee [Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata, Kolkata]
  11. Harshal Dholke [KIMS, Secunderabad]



# *Achievements!!*

1. Drs. Vanitha Rajagopalan, Varun Jain, Ankur Luthra, Priyanka Gupta and Bhavna Hooda completed DM – Neuroanaesthesia from AIIMS, New Delhi in December 2014.

2. Vinoth Kumar (SCTIMST)

Thiruvananthapuram



Vinay B (NIMHANS)

Bengaluru



Josemine Davis (SCTIMST)

Thiruvananthapuram

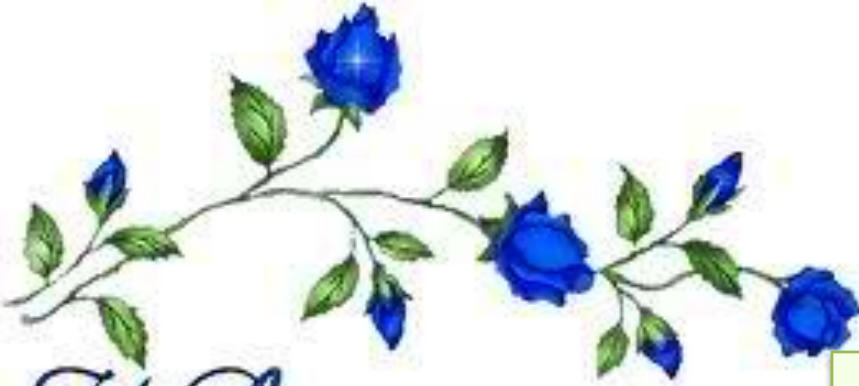


completed DM – Neuroanaesthesia in 2014





# Joining the Camp



*Welcome  
to Our Group*

LMA - 19	Manekar Avinash
LMA - 20	Devika Agarwal
LMB - 44	Prakash C Bharamagoudar
LMB - 45	Amit Y Bawkar
LMC - 20	Vikas Chauhan
LMD - 26	Madhavi D Desai
LMH - 9	Prasanta Hazarika
LMK - 44	Ashutosh Kaushal
LMK - 45	Puneet Khanna
LMK - 46	Vikas V Karne
LML - 9	Somnath Longani
LMM - 40	Nitasha Mishra
LMM - 41	Rajeeb Kumar Mishra
LMN - 12	Radhakrishna Nayani
LMP - 45	Rakhi Pal
LMP - 46	Umesh Prasad
LMR - 36	Sarayu Ramamurthy
LMS - 77	Madhavi Singh
LMS - 78	Vivekananda Sahu
LMS - 79	Sohan Lal Solanki
LMS - 80	Obaid Ahmad Siddiqui
LMS - 81	Neha S Shahane
LMS - 82	Jahnabee Sarma
LMS - 83	Shalendra Singh
LMS - 84	Suman Sokhal
LMT - 9	Gaurav Singh Tomar

*Manuscripts invited for . . . .*



*Submission site: [www.journalonweb.com/jnacc](http://www.journalonweb.com/jnacc)*



*Save the dates.....*



**4<sup>th</sup> Congress of  
Asian Society  
for Neuroanesthesia  
and Critical Care  
(ASNACC)**

**Date : Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**Venue: Busan Haeundae Grand Hotel**  
English Website : <http://asnacc2015.org/>

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of  
Korean Society for  
Neuroscience in  
Anesthesiology  
and Critical Care  
(KSNACC)**

**NASGBI 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary  
Annual Scientific Meeting**



**Manchester**

**7-8<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Hilton Hotel, Deansgate, M3 4LQ

**Dealing with chimps in the clinical  
environment**

**Prof Steve Peters**

Consultant Psychiatrist and Chief Psychologist Sky Pro Cycling Team

**Inflammation and Brain Injury: Discovery  
and Treatment**

**Dame Nancy Rothwell**

President and Vice Chancellor, University of Manchester

**Delayed Neurological Deficit**

**Prof Gabriel Rinkel**

University of Utrecht

Extensive social programme to accompany the main event.

Abstract Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

£300 Members / £350 Non-members / £150 Trainees. One day rate £150 / £200

**[www.nasgbi.org.uk](http://www.nasgbi.org.uk)**

Registration available from January



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# 43rd Annual Meeting

October 22-23, 2015

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# 43rd Annual Meeting

October 22-23, 2015

Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel  
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## 9<sup>th</sup> International Update on Neuro - Anesthesia & Neuro - Intensive Care interdisciplinary neuroscience

Barcelona, 14-16 April 2016

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# *Announcements*

## *Travel/ Visit Grant*

ISNACC provides Travel/ Visit Grant to suitable candidates to either visit one of the premier Neurosciences (Neuroanaesthesiology) Centers abroad or to present scientific paper(s) in an International forum. A fixed sum of Rs.25,000/- will be awarded to candidates who must fulfill the following criteria –

1. Should be a life-member for more than a year at the time of application.
2. He/she should not have availed the grant from ISNACC in previous 2 years.

## *Research Grant*

ISNACC awards research grant to suitable candidates to carry out clinical research in the field of Neuroanaesthesia and Neurocritical Care in India. A fixed sum of Rs.50,000/- [2 candidates per year] will be awarded to candidates who fulfill the following criteria –

1. Should be a life-member for more than a year at the time of application.
2. He/she should not have availed the grant from ISNACC in previous 2 years
3. Should provide a copy of Ethics Committee approval
4. Financial assistance from other sources must be disclosed
5. Should present the results of the research in the Annual conference of ISNACC in the same year as completion of study.
6. Should acknowledge ISNACC as the funding source if the paper is sent for publication in a journal.

Application form may be downloaded from the website ([www.isnacc.org](http://www.isnacc.org))

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*Mark your calendar for future meet*

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference ISNACC 2016



5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February / Bengaluru



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