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From the Secretarial Desk

Dear Members

Season's greetings!

As the monsoon this year brings cheers in your lives, it's our pleasure to bring to you the second issue of 'Synapse' for the year 2014. We do agree that both got delayed by a few days, but none the less, the flavour remains!

The year 2014 for the Indian Society of Neuroanaesthesiology and Critical Care (ISNACC) started with success and gracefully, the achievements continue!

The organisers of ISNACC 2015 are now gearing up for the next mega event. While the preparations are on in Lucknow, our Society has made yet another leap in the field of academics. Very soon the National Board of Education will start the DNB – Neuroanaesthesia fellowship programme. The fellowship will be of two years, and hopefully, start in January next year. There was an overwhelming response to our announcement when we invited the 'Expression of Interest' for this fellowship programme. As many as 17 hospitals expressed their keen interest in starting the fellowship programme. Joining the list of hospitals which are currently running the ISNACC Fellowship course is the Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon. As planned earlier, the next exit exam for the post-doctoral fellowship will be held in NIMHANS, Bangalore in January 2015.

The second issue of Journal of Neuroanaesthesiology and Critical Care (JNACC) was released on time and we will soon have the third issue out in September. We again appeal all members of ISNACC to enrich JNACC with their scientific accomplishments.

We are happy to inform that after the successful introduction of SNACC Panel in ISNACC 2014 conference this year, the panellists for the ISNACC 2015 have now been finalised. Details will soon be available on our website. We sincerely hope to have a long association of this kind with SNACC. Another feat of ISNACC at international level was the endorsement of Euroneuro 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey. The report of this meet in the next issue of JNACC speaks volumes about participation of ISNACC members on international platform. We are happy to announce that ISNACC will again be endorsing the next Euroneuro 2016 meet in Barcelona, Spain. We are now in talks with the organisers of Asian Society of Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care (ASNACC) and hopefully, ISNACC members will now be given special registration benefits in the next ASNACC meet in Busan, Korea. ISNACC is also collaborating with the Neuroanaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland (NASGBI) with a view to expand its horizons internationally.

Watch out for the latest updates and information on our website www.isnacc.org!

Continuing the ISNACC representation at national and state - level anaesthesiology meetings such as zonal ISACON and RSACPCON, a group of members of the Society will conduct the workshop on neuromonitoring again in the RSACPCON 2014, to be held in Dehradun. The team would be led by Dr. Mary Abraham.

Traumatic brain injury is a major healthcare burden today. As an initiative of ISNACC to spread the awareness of the Glasgow Coma Scale at community level, the scale has been translated in as many as 17 Indian languages; now available on our website. We acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Rajiv Chawla and all those involved.

The Secretariat is privileged to have enormous support of the office bearers and its members. We are happy to inform that the membership has now increased to a total of 456 members from different parts of the country. We request each one of you to send in your entries and share your experience with us through 'Synapse'.

Join us to serve you better. Let 'Synapse' become a great 'meshwork' of enthusiastic neuroanaesthetists.

Happy reading!

Hemanshu Prabhakar

Girija P Rath

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

Send us your entries at:
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Report of Indian Delegation (ISNACC members) visiting EURONEURO 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey

The month of April brought the sizzling summer to our doorsteps, but the exuberance of the young Indian delegation visiting Istanbul, Turkey for the EURONEURO 2014 from 9th to the 13th of April 2014, was a sight to behold. The 11 member-strong delegation consisted of faculty members comprised of Dr Hemanshu Prabhakar, Dr GP Rath (AIIMS, New Delhi), Dr Nidhi Panda (PGIMER, Chandigarh), Dr Shobha Purohit (SMS Jaipur), Dr Rajashree Gandhe (Kokilaben Ambani Hospital, Mumbai), Dr Saurabh Anand (Medanta, Gurgaon) and senior residents Dr Ankur Luthra, Dr Sujoy Banik (AIIMS, New Delhi), Dr Kiran, Dr Seelora Sahu (PGIMER, Chandigarh), and Dr Vinita Naidu (Kokilaben Ambani Hospital, Mumbai). Both oral (5) and poster(10) presentations were conducted by the delegation, which was one of the largest single group to visit the conference. The presentations covered a wide range of topics like BIS monitoring of intracranial aneurysms for coiling, Cochrane review of mannitol and hypertonic saline to reduce intracranial pressure, comparison of desflurane and sevoflurane for supratentorial tumor surgery, etc. the whole gamut of Neuroanaesthesiology and critical care was carefully analysed and every aspect of this niche segment was thoroughly discussed. Newer technology like advanced anaesthesia workstations and noninvasive, integrated P_{CO2} with SpO₂ sensor was on display at the venue, allowing corporate- academic collaboration. Interaction with heavyweights of the game like Dr James Cottrell was a chance of a lifetime and one of the highlights of the conference. The breathtaking beauty of Istanbul overlying the Bosphorus was balm for blistered brains; traditional baklava and a Bosphorus midnight cruise made for a potent combination to pries creativity, amidst the amalgamation of cultures that is Turkey, celebrated in its vibrant art and amazing architecture. The delegation returned to India with fond memories of pristine places and new friends and a deeper understanding of the ocean of knowledge that one must traverse to sail the high seas of Neuroanaesthesiology; the conference was a stepping stone to the pursuit of perfection in our chosen art.

- Sujoy Banik



Messages from ISNACC Fellows

"I have successfully completed the neuro-anesthesia PDF course from P D Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai during 2013-14. The neuro-anesthesia PDF helped me to fine tune my neuro-anesthesia skills and imparted confidence. The regular academic programmes conducted during the course in our hospital helped to improve my knowledge base. I am quite sure that the PDF will help me to propel my career in the field of neuro-anesthesia in the coming years."

- Rajani M Ramakrishnan



"ISNACC Fellowship presented to me an opportunity to do dedicated work in neuroanaesthesia and gain knowledge in it. It helped me gain experience in anesthesia for neurosurgery cases and neurointervention radiology. Experience and knowledge obtained during the course would be of great help in further practice in anesthesia"

- Amruta A Ajgaonkar



"I have successfully completed the ISNACC fellowship from P D Hinduja National Hospital and Medical Research Centre, Mumbai during 2013-14.

First of all my heartfelt thanks to ISNACC for starting the fellowship programme.

The ISNACC PDF gave me great exposure in conducting various neurosurgeries (especially anaesthesia for sitting craniotomy, anaesthesia for functional neurosurgery), intervention neuroradiology and pain management both acute & chronic. It was a tremendous learning experience under the mentorship of Dr. Manju Butani (HOD) and Dr. Joseph Monteiro (Course Director). The fellowship provided me the opportunity to brushup my skills and one year of dedicated neuroanaesthesia exposure was a huge confidence boosting experience. Thanks to the dedicated faculty of Hinduja hospital, we had a regular academic schedule which was religiously followed despite a long daily OT list."

- Sumit Kalra



Manuscripts invited for



Submission site: www.journalonweb.com/jnacc

Achievements!!

Drs. Indu Kapoor, Charu Mahajan and Surya K Dube have joined as Assistant Professors in the Department of Neuroanaesthesiology, AIIMS, New Delhi.



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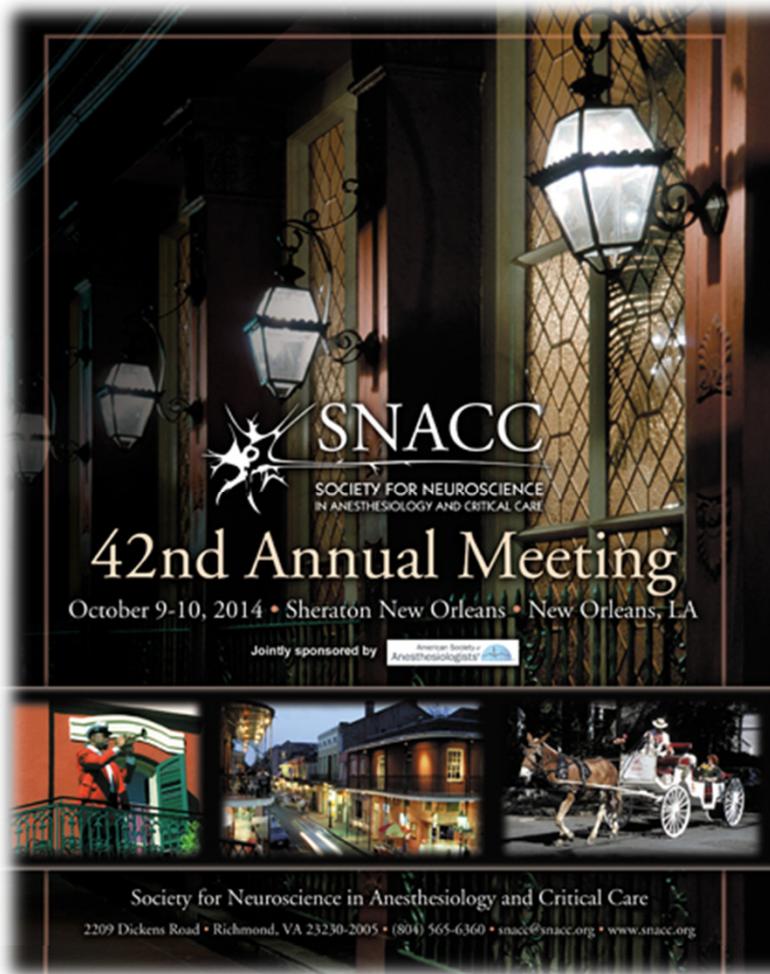
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16th Annual Conference ISNACC 2015



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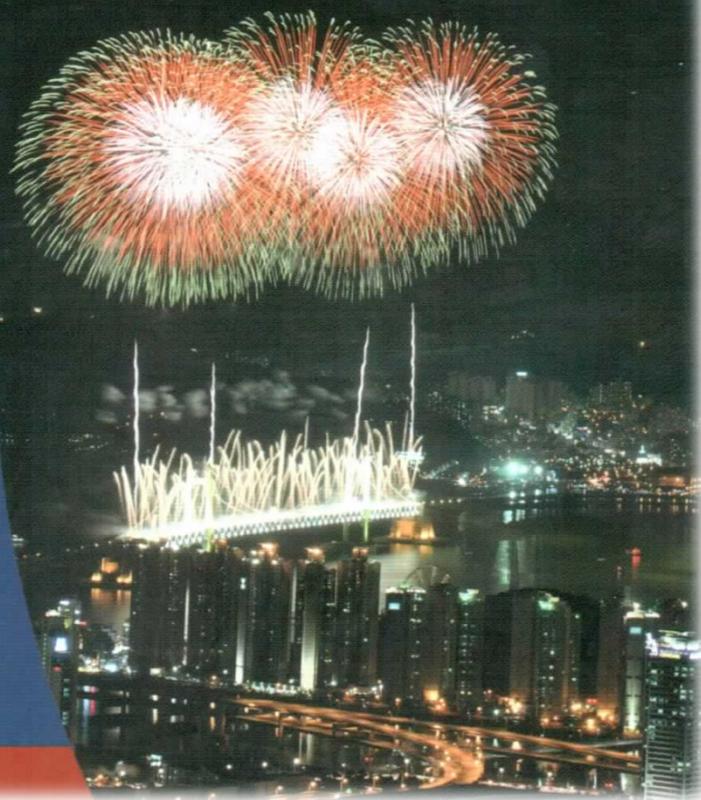
4th
Congress of
**Asian Society for
Neuroanesthesia and
Critical Care (ASNACC)**

Date: Fri. 3rd - Sat. 4th April 2015
Venue: Paradise Hotel, Busan, Korea

22nd
Annual meeting of
**Korean Society of
Neuroanesthesia**

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Joining the Camp



*Welcome
to Our Group*

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LMH – 8	Rudrashish Haldar
LMJ – 14	Nitin Jain
LMP – 44	Glen M Pinto
LMR – 35	Vivek Rayadurg
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LMS – 76	Deepak Singh

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.20,000/- 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)

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