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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from APNSA !

The President, Secretary and Executive Members wish the members a Happy New Year and Pongal.

During the last calendar year 2017, the APNSA has worked hard and taken up new initiatives to strengthen the association, in addition to continuing the old traditions. All the members of Executive of APNSA congratulate the entire organizing committee of 24th APNSA conference, Nellore. The Organizing committee has successfully conducted the AP & TS NEUROCON, 2017 under the Nellore Neuro Club. The meeting was a grand success both by way of number of delegates participated as well as rich academic content and cultural feast. The pre conference workshops in both Neurology and Neurosurgery were appreciated by one and all. The workshop on live demonstration of Injection Botulinum Toxin for various indications were demonstrated by Dr.Sankar Prasad Gorthi and Dr.Anil Venkatachalam. The workshop evoked interest on the young residents. So also the Neurosurgical workshop on live demonstrations of surgeries were appreciated by all. Dr.T.V.R.K.Murthy, Dr.Teegala Ramesh, Dr.Alok Ranjan and Dr.V.V.Ramesh Chandra have participated as guest faculty and demonstrated live surgical procedures which were appreciated by senior Neurosurgeons like Dr.I.Dinakar.

(I).HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE :

(a). PRE-CONFERENCE: The Neurology pre-conference workshop was conducted by Dr.N.S.Sampath Kumar at Narayana Medical College and attended by around 90 delegates which enlightened them regarding Botox Injection for various indications like Post Stroke Spasticity, Cerebral Palsy, Writer's Cramp Cervical Dystonia, Hemi Facial Spasm, Blepharospasm and Chronic Migraine by the speakers –

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Dr.Sankar Prasad Gorthi, Dr.Anil Venkatachalam and Dr.N.S.Sampath Kumar. The Neurosurgery pre-conference workshop was conducted at KIMS, Nellore and was attended by around 60 delegates and were trained in Percutaneous Spine Fixation (SEXTANT) by Dr.V.V.Ramesh Chandra, MVD for Trigeminal Neuralgia by Dr.Alok Ranjan, Falx Meningioma by Dr.Teegala Ramesh and CP Angle Tumor by Dr.T.V.R.K. Murthy.

(b). **MAIN CONFERENCE** : The day of main conference started with a warm welcome by the Organizing committee. It was followed by the Prof.B.Dayananda Rao Oration on “Idopathi Intracranial Hypertention”–Clinical and Imaging Characteristics by Dr.S.Mohandas. Later, Presidential oration on “Personality” – Key to Success was given by Dr.P.Srinivasulu Reddy.

A formal Inauguration of the Conference was done by the Chief Guest: Dr.Bhavaraju Subbarao. The AP&TS NEUROCON 2017 Souvenir and Neuroscientists Directory were released during inauguration. It was followed by the guest lecturers, Nellore Neuro Club session and Neuro-Radiology Quiz. Towards the end of the day, Neuroradiology quiz–“The Grave Yards in Neuro Corridors of Uncertainty” conducted by Dr.V.S.V.Rammohan, Radiologist, Hyderabad.

The day two of conference began with Prof.B.Muralidhar Oration – “Cost effectiveness and utility of wands in Neurosurgery” by Dr.A.Krishna Reddy, Hyderabad. This was followed by Dr.S.Balaparameswara Rao Symposium on “Spondylolisthesis”. “TLIF” by Dr.B.S.V.Raju, and “MISS” by Dr.V.V.Ramesh Chandra, which was moderated by Prof.B.C.M. Prasad, Guest Lecturers & Debate continued till evening.

For the first time in APNEUROCON conference, “Debate” was introduced with the Topic – “Management of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy – Early surgery Vs Late Surgery”. Dr.Sita Jayalakshmi and Dr.Seshagiri Rao spoke Pros and Cons of the procedure.

There were a total of 44 platforms presentations which include free paper presentations and few papers considered for the SVIMS award papers. All Orations, guest lectures, platform presentations, award papers and posters are brought out in a book.

A directory was published from Souvenir. The “Neuro Scientists Directory” included the contact details of all Neurologists and Neurosurgeons across the state including the Post Graduates, irrespective of APNSA membership.

(c). **MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**: The E.C.Meeting was held on 10-June-2017. Discussions have come about the timings of inaugural function. There was difference of opinion whether the inauguration should be in the morning session or in the evening. It was left to the discretion and convenience of the Organizing Secretary preferably by pre lunch.

It is decided to prefer Senior Neuroscientists / Academicians instead of politicians. For Guest Lecturers and Orations local senior faculty 25% weightage should be preferred. Limitation to SVIMS award papers to 5. Last 3 years speakers and topics should not repeated.

Certificates will be issued on behalf of APNSA for Basic Sciences – Dr.Rajendra Prasad Award, Best Poster Awards in additions to prize money for Guest Lecture for Brain & Spine foundation.

Every year APNSA will be conducted a 2 day programme for clinical presentations only for Post graduates in Neurology / Neurosurgery in will be conducted 4 centres GUNTUR /AMC / SVIMS / RMC respectively.

(d).MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING: The General Body meeting was conducted on the evening of 1st day of conference ie., 5 pm on 10-June-2017. Secretary Dr.K.Satyavara Prasad and Treasurer Dr.I.Babji Syam Kumar are called on the stage. Secretary's report was presented by Dr.K.Satyavara Prasad. Treasurer report and Audit report for the year 2016-17 was presented by Dr.I.Babji Syam Kumar and was accepted on the floor.

The Vice President Dr.H.Radhakrishna from Hyderabad has taken over charge from Dr.P.Srinivasulu Reddy as the new incoming president of the society. As there was only one nomination was received for the post of Vice President from Prof.B.C.M.Prasad from Tirupati. Prof.B.C.M.Prasad was elected as Vice President for the year 2017-18 of APNSA.

It was decided that 25th conference of APNSA will be held at Kakinada and will be hosted by Kakinada Neuro Club. Dr.M.Premjit Ray, Neurosurgeon will be the Organizing Secretary.

There were no official bids received for 2019 conference. However, Dr.Teegala Ramesh from Eluru gave proposal to conduct the APNSA 26th conference at Eluru. The chair has assured them and that it will be decided shortly and will be finalized by the Midterm meeting at Kakinada.

All the resolutions are passed in the Executive committee and were ratified by the general body. On behalf of 2018 Organizing team Dr.M.Premjit Ray welcomed to all Kakinada in 2018. The Executive committee concluded with special thanks to Dr.B.Srinivasulu Reddy, Organizing Secretary and team members for conducting the conference successfully with academic and cultural feast.

Other points discussed were regarding:

1. Suggestions for developing Website.
2. Paper less communication.
3. Increase the Membership drive.
4. To start many Neuro clubs as possible in small cities.

(II).AWARDS:

SVIMS AWARD : Sleep in Parkinsonism: A Polysomnography based study – Dr.Dushyanth babu Jasti, Department of Neurology, SVIMS, Tirupati.

POSTERS :

NEUROLOGY :

1st Prize : A Case of Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum disorder with Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis and Organ specific Autoimmunity-Ulcerative colitis.

Dr.Silpa Kesireddy, Department of Neurology, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam.

2nd Prize : Churg strauss syndrome with central and peripheral nervous system involvement.

Dr.Apparao Anumolu, Department of Neurology, SVIMS, Tirupati.

NEUROSURGERY :

1st Prize : Acquired Chiari Malformation with Syringomyelia secondary to Colloid cystwith Hydrocephalus.

Dr.Abdul Aziz Riyaz, Guntur Medical College, Guntur.

2nd Prize : Effect of Cranioplasty on Cerebral Glucose Metabolism: A case series of 15 patients.

Dr.Vivek Sharma, Department of Neurosurgery, SVIMS, Tirupati.

(III).CONFERENCE AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF APNSA DURING THE YEAR 2017.

01. In June, 2017, a 24th Annual Conference was conducted by Nellore Neuro Club “**2017 NEUROCON**”.
02. In August, 2017 “**NEUROVISION 2017**” conducted by Dr.R.V.Narayana at Visakhapatnam.
03. In October, 2017 7th ANNUAL SEVEN HILLS STROKE UPDATE 2017 conducted by Dr.Siba Sankar Dalai at Visakhapatnam.
04. A public awareness campaign on Epilepsy including a beach walk was held on National Epilepsy Day i.e., on 17-Nov-2017. It was held under the aegis of APNSA Combined by Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA), Seven Hills Hospital, Visakhapatnam and the members of Vizag Neuro Club have participated in the awareness programme and distributed material regarding the myths and facts of the Epilepsy prevention, First Aid and treatment of Epilepsy.
05. “**NEUROCLINICS 2017**” a teaching programme only exclusively for Neurosciences Post graduates conducted at Guntur.

(IV).CONTRIBUTIONS TO APNSA: An amount of **Rs.2,17,320/-** was contributed by Dr.B.Srinivasulu Reddy and team from remains of NEUROCON 2017, Nellore conference.

(V).MEMBERSHIP ENROLMENT : The membership strength has to increased to 509. This year from 1st April, 2017 onwards 48 members were joined. Membership drive to make all the Neuroscientists (Neurologists, Neurosurgeons and Allied Specialists) practicing in Andhra Pradesh as Life Members.

(VI).Website: Website for APNSA (**www.apnsa.com**) was updated and profile was moderated with up to date information. All the members are requested for go through the website regularly for latest information and activities of various Neuro Clubs and APNSA association. The Executive committee is requesting all the members for paperless correspondence through website only and avoid unnecessary expenditure.

