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## 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference of HSI

### *Announcement*

**14<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Hypertension Society of India will be held from 11th November to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at Manipal.**

For details contact : **Dr. NR Rau**, Chairman, Organising Committee, 14th National Conference of Hypertension, Professor and Head, Department of Medicine, Kasturba Hospital, Manipal 576 104, Karnataka.

# Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations of Diabetic Association of India

## **Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations of Diabetic Association of India**

The Diabetic Association of India founded in 1955 is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year and to commemorate the occasion, an International Congress on Diabetes is being organised in the month of November 2005, 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, at Hilton Towers (Oberoi Hotel), Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400 021.

Interested delegates are requested to contact the Organising Secretary for the registration at the following address : The Organising Secretary, Diabetic Association of India : Golden Jubilee Year International Congress on Diabetes S.L.Raheja Hospital Road, Mahim, Mumbai 400 016.

Tel : 91-022-5652 9999; Fax : 91 022 2444 9418; E-mail : dai\_golden@yahoo.com

# Accreditation of Healthcare in India — Towards A Better Tomorrow

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### Healthcare Scenario Today in India

Healthcare delivery has always been a very complex task all over the world needing interplay and interdependence among a multitude of forces, factors, issues and organizations; and in the last 3 to 4 decades, this complexity has multiplied exponentially due to increased superspecialties and introduction of highly sophisticated diagnostic and therapeutic equipment. On one hand, we have the major technological advances requiring greater teamwork, entailing increase in costs, generating more superspecializations and professional competition; while on the other hand; there are higher expectations from the healthcare consumers due to their enhanced educational status. Healthcare has come to be recognized as one of the largest industries in the world, growing rapidly. These challenges though appear very daunting, are also harbingers of vast opportunities of business.

India's vast potential in healthcare is well recognized today due to the largest pool of capable and expert human resources. The National Health Policy is also supporting participation of International experts in healthcare delivery in our country, encouraging private sectors in establishing large corporate hospitals with all specialties and super-specialties, by allowing import of sophisticated diagnostic and therapeutic equipment, permitting healthcare providers to participate in international meets to acquire the latest knowhow in healthcare delivery and through many more useful measures for the benefit of common man. Our government is also keen that India to be proclaimed soon the best healthcare destination in the world in terms of quality and cost as well. The economic contribution that this 'industry' is providing to our country is also enormous and India soon will be in the list of developed nations.

In India, at present, there is a generalized dissatisfaction on the quality of healthcare offered by majority of healthcare providers, due to various reasons, however, we need to find solutions urgently to some of the most pressing problems like universally acceptable uniform standards in healthcare and its accreditation.

### What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is the process of evaluating and recognizing excellence in healthcare delivery offered and provided by the healthcare providers. It is a voluntary process of self-development through consultation, participation and professional peer review. Accreditation derives its strength from its credibility in being a purely professional, neutral, non-political and non-profit making process for the benefit of people at large, in fact, it is a unique participative and collaborative process of continuous improvement in standards of healthcare delivery for achieving recognition of excellence and award of accreditation is the outcome. All aspects of healthcare delivery like continuous availability of all required facilities, appropriateness, timeliness, effectiveness, maximum safety and minimum risk. Thus it is a mechanism to meet the challenges posed by healthcare industry. The accreditation system aims for constant updating and improvement in the processes by frequent review and benchmarking. This is what makes it so successful.

### Why each country needs a separate system for accreditation?

Even though the technical quality parameters may be

same worldover, there are many differences in individual countries viz. local laws, customs, culture, geography, social structure, access mechanisms and resource constraints. This makes it necessary for each country to have its own National system. However, regional / piecemeal systems have not been completely successful. These National systems today integrate and share knowledge through a world body called ISQUA.

### The Current Initiative and Achievements

The movement started two years ago with a few like-minded people and with strong and solid support from many governmental and non-governmental organizations. Major professional associations including API (*Association of Physicians of India*), ASI (*Association of Surgeons of India*), ISA (*Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists*), AIOS (*All India Ophthalmological Society*), AMASI (*Association of Minimal Access Surgeons of India*), AHA (*Academy of Hospital Administration*), AHHA (*Association of Health and Hospital Administrators*), IAMI (*Indian Association for Medical Informatics*), IPA (*Indian Pharmaceutical Association*) and IHPA (*Indian Hospital Pharmacist's Association*), ICP and IAPM (*Indian College of Pathologists*), AIMA (*All India Management Association*) have joined and formed not for profit company under sec 25 of the Companies Act 1956 named "**Indian Confederation for Healthcare Accreditation-ICHA**" with office at Delhi. Our immediate past President of API is the official representative of API in ICHA which is leading effort in the thrust given for accreditation movement in India.

There are also other agencies in the country who are working in the same direction as ICHA. Any movement like Accreditation of Healthcare should be broad based and should have government sanction and co-operation to succeed. ICHA has been in constant touch with the Government and World Health Organisation (WHO). Ministry of Health, GOI, and Director General of Health Services (DGHS) have been given presentations by ICHA about its objectives. Other heads of medical services in our country like Director General Medical Services Armed Forces (DG AFMS) and Director General of Medical Services (Railways) have been contacted by ICHA for their support for the movement. While propagating the need for "Accreditation of Healthcare in India", ICHA fully appreciates that accreditation is a voluntary process and cannot be imposed on any healthcare institution like hospitals/clinics.

ICHA is organizing a National Convention in collaboration with WHO to increase the awareness and need for accreditation of healthcare in India on 02 Jul 05 at Delhi.

Though major professional associations have joined hand to give a thrust to the movement of "Accreditation of Healthcare in India" a lot more still requires to be done and members of API can give a helping hand by joining the movement in individual capacity or as Institutional Affiliate by enrolling their healthcare institution with ICHA. The details of objectives, activities and of National Convention on Accreditation of Healthcare have been posted on the website <http://www.indmedia.com/icha/> which members of API can visit for further information on accreditation of healthcare in India.

**Maj Gen S Venkataraman**

# Dr. PJ Mehta Young Scientist Award

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### Dr. PJ Mehta Young Scientist Award

Hypertension Society of India is being giving the Young Scientist Award for the Best paper presentation at the National Conference of Hypertension. Papers are invited from young research workers (below 35 years of age) who have done original research work in the field of hypertension and related subjects. these papers will be judged by a panel of referees. The finalists will be required to present their papers during 14th National Conference of Hypertension, on November 11th-13th, 2005 at Manipal, under the auspices of Hypertension Society of India. From these will be selected the recipient of the **Dr. PJ Mehta Young Scientist Award**. The research worker who submits his paper must attach a certificate to indicate his date of birth. the presenter selected for the award will be given 2nd Class AC train fare to and from their hometown. Please send 5 copies of the full manuscript along with the abstract to **Dr BR Bansode, Secretary General, HSI, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Central Railway, Byculla, Mumbai 400 027. Last date of receipt of manuscript : 15th August, 2005.**

# Office Bearers API - Gwalior Chapter



## *Announcement*

The executive committee of **Association of Physicians of India, Gwalior Chapter** for year 2005 is as follows:

Founder Chairman	:	Ajai Shanker
Chairman	:	NN Laha
Vice-Chairman	:	PC Mathur, KP Bhatnagar
Secretary	:	S Gajendragadkar
Jt. Secretary	:	Sushma Trikha
Treasurer	:	Archana Kansal
Executive Members	:	HS Bansal, JP Sharma, Lalit Mehta, R Gangil, Mrs. P Gopal, Rajeev Agrawal

# RSSDI – 2005

## *Announcement*

### RSSDI – 2005

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2005, Bangalore

The highlights of the Conference include the following:

- The Conference Venue is in the midst of IT icons surrounded by greenery, go-karting etc.
- The Conference building is aesthetically designed to have an excellent acoustics.
- More than 3000 delegates are expected to attend.
- As part of the Conference, CME is also organized.
- Nationally and Internationally acclaimed faculties shall address the delegates using the state-of-the-art audio-visuals.
- Parallel scientific sessions.
- Many pharma companies have agreed to display their products and services.
- The following is the delegate fees:

Category	Upto 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2005	Upto 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2005	Upto 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2005	From 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2005 & onsite registration
Member-RSSDI	2000	3000	4000	6000
Non-Member	2500	3500	4500	7000
PG Student	1500	2000	2500	3000
Accompanying persons	1000	2000	2500	3000
* CME (for all)	500	500	500	500

\* Participation in CME needs a separate registration fee.

- Accommodation, transport and sight seeing shall be arranged on request.
- Accompanying children and spouses shall have fun time at the venue itself.

For further details, please contact : **Dr. KR Narasimha Setty**, Organising Secretary, RSSDI-2005, 132/18, 22<sup>nd</sup> Cross, III Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560011.

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# INDO-PAK Diabetes Conference

## *Announcement*

1<sup>st</sup> Sir Ganga Ram INDO-PAK Diabetes Conference, Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2005 at Le Meridian, New Delhi -110 001.

Registration Fee : Upto 31<sup>st</sup> August - Rs. 300/-; Upto 30<sup>th</sup> September- Rs. 500/-

1<sup>st</sup> October onward registration Rs. 1,000/-

(Please send DD in favour of "Endocrinology Update, SGRH") Registration form can also be downloaded from [www.SGRH.com](http://www.SGRH.com)

Note : Kindly register early. Limited registration.

Conference Secretariat - **Dr. Surender Kumar**, Organising Secretary; INDO-PAK Diabetes Conference Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism and Department of Academics and Research Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi – 110060. Ph : 91-11- 5225 1383, 5225 1246; Fax: 91-11-2586 1002;

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# National Bioethics Conference

## *Announcement*

### ***National Bioethics Conference***

Ethical challenges in health care: global context, Indian reality **November 25, 26 and 27, 2005 at YMCA International, Mumbai Central, Mumbai, India.**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS (Last date for submission: **June 30, 2005**)

*Conference Details and Updates available at <http://www.issuesinmedicalethics.org/nbc2005.html>*

*Conference Subthemes* : Ethical challenges in HIV/AIDS; Ethics of life and death in the era of hi-tech health care; Ethical responsibilities in violence, conflict and religious strife

*For clarification, or submission of abstracts, E-mail:* bioethics2005@yahoo.co.in

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# National Conference of Pancreatology

## *Announcement*

**A National Conference of Pancreatology will be held at The Grand, New Delhi on 6-7 August 2005 under the aegis of India Pancreas Club.**

For further information, please contact : **Prof. Rakesh Tandon**, E -154, Saket, New Delhi -110 017.

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# NAPCON – 2005

## *Announcement*

### **NAPCON – 2005**

**7th Joint Annual Conference of Indian Chest Society and National College of Chest Physicians of India. 16-20 November, 2005 at Science City, Kolkata.**

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# CDE-05

## *Announcement*

### **CDE-05**

**3rd National Conference on Cardiology, Diabetology and Electrocardiology, Bhopal.**

Date : 1st and 2nd October, 2005      Venue : Hotel Jahan Numa Palace, (MP) Bhopal.

For any information please contact : Dr. PC Manoria, Organizing Chairman CDE 05.

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