

SAARC Psychiatric Federation is undemocratic! IPS should think dissociating itself from SPF.

1. There was no official invitation to IPS leadership by the offices of President and Secretary General of SPF for SPF Conference 2023 held at Kathmandu. There was a just a general invite which was given to many member of IPS.
2. There was no official information to IPS regarding SPF election.
3. The confusion regarding authentic constitution is continuing.
4. We wrote to new President to share a copy of constitution but no response.
5. The copy of constitution approved by the Indian Psychiatric Society says: **Voting right**: Each national delegation has its vote cast by the head of the delegation or his alternate, appointed as such by national organization. In the case of a head of delegation becoming indisposed during a meeting, the second national delegate assumes these functions with the authorization of the President, advised by the General Secretary, duly informed.
6. As IPS was not informed officially we chose not to attend the SPF Conference at Kathmandu. Here comes the question of Voting right and issue of authorization. IPS President and HGS did not authorize anybody.

Who is the person who voted for IPS?

1. Stony silence from SPF office for more than 2yrs is undemocratic and against the spirit of a Federation.
2. Since 2016, SAARC as an organization has become irrelevant. Govt. of India is not involving in any activity under SAARC.
3. We have to take a formal decision regarding dissociating IPS from SPF.

INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

**DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF SAARC
PSYCHIATRIC FEDERATION
PRESENTED & PASSED IN THE
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY
MEETING, 2012 KOCHI OF
INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY**



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Dear Member,

Please find the following proposed SAARC Constitution for your knowledge and kind feedback.

With warm regards

Dr Asim Kumar Mallick
Hon. General Secretary, IPS

The SAARC Psychiatric Federation (S.P.F) Draft Statutes of the S.P.F.

I. NAME, REGISTERED OFFICES, OBJECTIVES

Article 1

An International Association is constituted with a philanthropic, scientific and humanitarian object under the name "SAARC Psychiatric Federation". The activities shall extend to whole of the SAARC region that is India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives and Bhutan. The objectives of SPF, a non profit-making organisation, are:

To promote the subject of psychiatry and allied sciences in all their different branches and to promote the improvement of mental health of the people, research and mental health education in this region with cooperation at all levels between the countries included in this federation,

Article 2

METHODS

1. Hold conference and periodical scientific meetings of the federation.
2. Publish annual reports of the federation and from time to time special bulletin.
3. Advise the respective governments and other bodies on the various aspects of psychiatry and mental health including legislative, administrative, educational and research aspects.
4. To promote the co-operation between the professionals and other bodies in the advancement of medical and others sciences including joining other international societies and forums as institutional or corporate member.
5. To collect subscriptions and donations ,disburse funds for all or any of the subjects of the federation.
6. Do all such things and matters as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or the attainment of the above objects or any of them which are subsidiary to the said object.

Article 3

DEFINITION

"Federation" shall mean the SAARC psychiatric federation.

"Council" shall mean the executive council of the SAARC psychiatric federation.

"Member" shall be those whose names are on the membership register of national psychiatric societies of the all the SAARC nations.

OFFICE

The office of the Society shall be located at the place of work of the Honorary General Secretary.

II. MEMBERS

Article 4

I. Full active members

1. SPF is composed of all the registered members of any organisation representative mainly of psychiatrists and also of allied professionals, described in points a) and b) below, and having legal personality or constituted in keeping with the laws and customs of its country of origin can also become a full active member of the SPF with voting rights.
The conditions for admission to the SPF are the following:
 - a. only the most representative non-governmental national professional organisation of a SAARC region representing psychiatrists and allied professions may become a full active member of the SPF.
 - b. The above-mentioned organisations are full active members when they have legal personality in one of the countries of the SAARC region.
2. Two advisors and/or their alternates represent the member organisations on the executive Council if they have been duly given a mandate. The status of a specialist doctor psychiatrist is required for eligibility to take a seat in the Executive Council and in the various committees or working parties created by it.

Composition and functioning OfThe Executive council of SPF

Article 5

The Composition of The Executive Council of SPF is :

- The President,
- The Vice-Presidents,
- The Secretary General,
- The Joint Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Editor
- Executive Committee
- Advisors

Article 6

1. The President, Two Vice Presidents, the secretary general, joint Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor and the Executive Committee and the advisors. Their functions shall be considered "supranational" functions; they are not cumulative with the representation of a member country
2. The representatives of respective countries on a rotational basis shall hold posts of the President, two Vice Presidents, the secretary general, Joint Secretary, Editor, Advisors and the Treasurer. They shall be elected by national societies respectively and will be nominated thereafter. Rotation of the posts will be such so that representatives hold not all the posts from the same country. The Executive Committee of delegates will comprise of two nominations from each member country and three advisors.

The President has a mandate of one year, the Vice-Presidents of two years, the secretary general, joint secretary, editor, treasurer, advisors and executive committee has mandate for three years.

In the case of a vacancy arising from the death, resignation or dismissal of one of the members of the Executive Committee or of one of the Vice-Presidents, the Executive Council will, as quickly as possible, appoint a replacement from amongst its members until the next statutory nomination by the member society.

Candidatures for the Executive council

Every candidature for office must be presented in writing, either by the national delegation, or, with the formal agreement of the latter, by another delegation; the express agreement of the candidate must be mentioned.
Candidatures shall be lodged with the General Secretary, at the latest on the first day of the Plenary Assembly.

The Plenary Assembly shall be informed of every candidature.

- II. The following decisions are reserved for the Executive Council:
- Admission and exclusion of full active members.
 - Appointment and dismissal of Council Members.
 - Adoption of the accounts and budgets.
 - Amendment of the Statutes.
 - Winding up of the association and allocation of its assets after settlement of debts.
 - Determining the contribution levels by individual organizations.

Article 7

The Executive Committee has the widest possible powers over the daily management and the defense of the interests of the SPF.

- I. It can be represented to third parties by the President or General Secretary or in an emergency by any delegate duly entrusted with a mandate by the President or by the General Secretary.

Meeting of the executive council

Article 8

- I. The Executive Council must hold an Ordinary Plenary Assembly at least once a year in one of the full member countries. Any other meeting may take place in another country.
- II. The date and place of the Plenary Session are fixed upon the proposal of the Executive Committee.
- III. All members may participate in Plenary Session.

Article 9

The Executive Council meeting as Plenary Assembly is legitimately constituted if three-quarters of the full active members mentioned in article 5 with voting rights are present or represented.
The resolutions of the Executive Council are taken with a majority of two-thirds, registered in a report and distributed to the members.

Article 10

The Executive Council meeting as Plenary Assembly will adopt, on the proposal of the Executive Committee and in accordance with a two-thirds majority of full active members, rules and regulations determining:
The functioning of the Executive Committee;
Any amendment of these rules is at the discretion of the Executive Council; it must appear in full on the agenda of the Plenary Assembly convened to rule on the subject.

Article 11

The delegates of each national member organisation are under the obligation:

1. Objectively and without delay, to inform the specialists in their countries of the activities and decisions of the SPF and,
2. to send to the General Secretary, at least once every year, at the latest two months before the date of the Plenary Assembly, a written summary about the development of the psychiatrists' professional situation in their country.

The President, General Secretary and Treasurer with the Standing committee of psychiatrists who sit "ex officio" and do not have the right to vote.
A Council member can be dismissed by the EC deciding by a ninth-tenths majority of the full active members present or represented for the same reasons and in accordance with the same rules as those listed in Article 5 with the exception of those concerning the majority conditions.
In this case, or in case of resignation or death of its representative on the Council, the full active member country concerned must present another Board member candidate for the vote by the EC

Article 12

Council decisions are taken using the same rules as those of the Executive Council, with the majority of two-thirds of the members having the right to vote, present or represented. Resolutions are recorded in a register signed by the President and kept by the secretariat at the disposal of the SPF members.

Article 13

1. The EC has all management and administrative powers .The EC manages the assets of the SPF and represents it in all judicial and other acts, through the intermediary of its President and his General Secretary. The SPF launches legal proceedings on the initiative of its President and of its General Secretary or any other member appointed for this purpose by the EC.
2. The EC has the power of adopting resolutions and positions on behalf of the SPF

Article 14

All acts which bind the SPF are signed by the President and by the General Secretary or, if unavailable, by two delegates chosen within the EC.

IV.BUDGETSANDACCOUNTS

Contributions

Article 15

1. The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31st December.
2. The funds of the SPF arise from the annual subscriptions of its members, the amount and distribution of which are fixed each year by the Executive Council, according to any source of financial contribution approved by the EC. Contribution by each country depends upon the number of the registered members on the register of each member organization
3. The Treasurer is required to submit the accounts for the closing financial year and the draft budget for the upcoming financial year to the EC for approval. The Treasurer and the auditors shall make their reports.

VI. AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTION

Article 16

- I. Without prejudice, the statutes can only be amended upon proposal of the Executive Committee or upon written proposal of more than one-third of full active members. The full text of the amendments proposed would be taken up in the agenda of an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly of the Management Council, which will be called specially for this purpose.
- II. The amendment will be passed if a two-thirds majority is obtained from the full active members.
- III. To avoid any mistakes in interpretation, all modifications proposed will be drafted in the language of the original text.

Article 17

The official languages used by the SPF for official communications and papers that it publishes shall be English.

Article 18

The dissolution of the SPF can be proposed by the Executive Council, or, upon written request, by more than a third of the full active members of the SPF. It may only be announced by the Extraordinary Plenary Assembly of the Management Council convened specially for this purpose and will be conditional upon a two-thirds majority of full active member countries.

Various functions

- A. of the President:
The President is charged more particularly:
 - The president shall hold office for one year and shall not be eligible for re-election.
 - He shall have a casting vote in case of equality of votes in addition to his own ordinary vote.
 - He shall regulate the proceedings of the meetings and conferences and interpret rules and regulations and decide doubtful points at issue.
 - He shall preserve the order and shall decide on all points of order at or in connection with the meeting. There shall be no discussion on any point of order and the decision of the President shall be final.
 - He shall be consulted on all-important matters concerning the affairs of the Society.
 - He shall be the leader of any delegation of which he is a member.
 - He will preside over all the meetings and Plenary Assemblies;
 - He will represent SPF in relations with third parties, in conformity of the Statutes.
- B. of the Vice-Presidents:
The Vice-Presidents are charged more particularly:
- C. to replace the President in all part of his functions, if he is prevented, or by delegation of the President and the General Secretary acting together of the General Secretary:
The Secretary General is charged more particularly:
 - Shall be in charge of the office
 - With the organization of meetings and the Plenary Assemblies, or any other meeting the responsibility for which is conferred upon him by the Plenary Assembly.
- D. Joint Secretary
 - General supervision of the account, passing of bills
 - Shall get prepared by the Hony. Treasurer a fully audited annual statement of accounts for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
 - Shall organize, arrange and convene meetings, conferences, lecture and demonstrations etc.,
 - Shall attend meetings of the Society and keep proceedings thereof.
 - Shall bring any matter, which he considers necessary in the interest of the Society to the notice of the Executive Council for guidance and decision.
 - When retiring shall hand over the properties, books etc. to the newly elected Hony. General Secretary within three weeks after the election.
 - to ensure that information and correspondence are forwarded in English;
 - to keep the archives;
 - to control the drawing-up of the minutes of every meeting which need to be approved by the Plenary Assembly;
 - to send the text of Statutes, and any amendment to the members.
- E. of the Treasurer
The Treasurer is charged more particularly:
 - Shall be responsible for collection of subscriptions and donations from members and well-wishers of the Society, and maintain index cards showing up to date subscription position.
 - Shall sign the receipts and prepare statement of receipt and expenditure of the Society duly audited by an auditor appointed by the Annual General Body of the Society each year and shall present the same and the Balance Sheet at the Annual General Meeting.
 - with the calculation of the annual subscription to be proposed at the Plenary Assembly, in agreement with the Executive, based on a draft budget and in conformity with the key previously accepted by the Assembly;
 - to send out the requests for payment of subscription and to ensure their payment within the time required to balance the budget;
 - to control expenditure and to establish an annual balance sheet to be submitted for the approval of the Plenary Assembly.
- Of The Editor
 - The Editor shall be responsible for publication of the journal of the federation.
 - He shall be the Chairman of the Editorial Board and the journal committee. The Council in consultation with the Editor shall elect members of the Editorial Board.
 - He shall present his annual reports at the Annual Meeting of the Society
 - He shall submit, an audited statement of accounts to the Hony. Treasurer before 30th, November every year.

Plenary Assembly of EC

Article 19

The Plenary Assembly of the EC consists of council members as defined.

The Assembly shall make valid decisions, insofar as three-quarters of members are present or represented. The date and place of the Ordinary Plenary Assembly of the executive Council shall be notified to all members, at the same time as a provisional agenda, at least two months before the meeting. Dispatch of the final agenda is left to the diligence of the General Secretary. Choice of the place of Ordinary Plenary Assembly

1. To support the proposal for a place for the Plenary Assembly, the full member country, which is the candidate host, is bound to submit to the General Secretary, at the latest two months before the preceding Plenary Assembly, a complete written case proving that the place chosen fulfils the required criteria.

VOTING PROCEDURE

Article 20

- II. Voting is done verbally, country by country, or show of hands, in three stages: one for those "for", one for those "against" and one for the "abstentions". However, the President may, on his own initiative or at the request of a full member, decide to proceed with a vote by secret ballot.

- III. Any vote relating to persons shall be carried out by secret ballot.
Decisions are taken by absolute majority of validly expressed votes, except for contrary provisions in the Statutes.

When a vote implies a formal stand to be taken by SPF. in relation to a third party as well as for a vote on the amount of the annual subscription and the breakdown key, the majority of two-thirds of full members present or represented is required; when the two-thirds are calculated, if the figure includes a decimal, it is agreed that the figure shall be rounded off to the nearest unit

Voting rights

Each national delegation has its vote cast by the head of the delegation or his alternate, appointed as such by national organization. In the case of a head of delegation becoming indisposed during a meeting, the second national delegate assumes these functions with the authorization of the President, advised by the General Secretary, duly informed.

Speaking rights

- A. The delegates and their alternates have the right to ask the President for the floor at any time when they want to address the Plenary Assembly. The accompanying experts may only speak with the agreement of the President if the head of the delegation or his alternate proposes them. Guests and observers may be admitted to Plenary Assemblies, with the Executive permission. They may only take the floor when the President expressly asks them to do it; their statement shall be concise and strictly confined to the subject under discussion. Loss of the status of member

Loss of status of membership

Article 21

Full member or associate member organizations who wish to give up the status of member must give notice to the Executive of their intention at least six months before the end of the financial year and the question will be put before the Management Council. Such organizations will continue to be liable for the payment of their subscription up until the end of the financial year during which they withdraw. The financial year coincides with the calendar year.

Article 22

Failure to pay the annual subscription for two consecutive years shall entail dismissal, insofar as the subscription reminder had been notified by registered letter and that the Executive Council meeting in Plenary Assembly had voted for dismissal .

Article 23

Any irregularity in the payment of the subscription entails suspension of the right to vote.
The irregularity shall be submitted to the Executive Council which shall decide upon other measures to take, notably, the prohibition to speak at meetings.

Article 24

The expulsion of a member may only be decided by the Plenary Assembly in Ordinary or Extraordinary Session, in conformity with the voting procedure.

Annual Conference

An Annual Conference of the FEDERATION shall be organised every year or as the EC may decide, under the auspices of the federation at a suitable place and time to be decided at the assembly of the EC.

The General Secretary of FEDERATION shall be responsible for

- 1- Fixing the dates.
- 2- To negotiate with members countries desirous of inviting the Annual Conference at different places.
- 3- Informing all the members of dates of the meetings.
- 4- Inviting delegates from International Psychiatric Associations

Venue of the conference will be on a rotational basis among the member countries

Reception Committee

- 1. The country inviting the conference shall form Reception Committee of the conference.
 - 2. Office-bearers of the Reception Committee shall be elected by the Members of the Reception Committee.
 - 3. The Reception Committee shall determine the registration fee at the Annual Conference in consultation with the Council.
 - 4. The Conference shall be open to the following:
 - a) All members of the Reception Committee.
 - b) All members of the society.
 - c) Any other person authorised by the Reception Committee to be present on the occasion.
 - 5. The Reception Committee shall be responsible for :-
 - a) Making arrangements for suitable accommodation and food for delegates (on payment).
 - b) Arrangement for the plenary and scientific sessions.
 - c) Printing of brochure and programme in consultation with the General Secretary of the federation.
 - d) Arranging for a suitable dignitary (in consultation with the General Secretary of the Society)to inaugurate the plenary session.
 - e) Arranging for social and cultural functions and sight seeing.
 - f) Raising funds for the conference through registration fees, grants, donations, advertisements etc.
 - 6. The expenses of the Conference shall be wholly borne by the Reception Committee.
 - 7. All members attending the Conference, except Members of the Reception Committee and the President and Joint Secretary of the Society, shall pay a registration fee to the reception committee.
 - 8. Visitors:
 - 1. Prominent public men who are specially invited by the Reception Committee to attend the conferences without payment of any fees as Distinguished Visitors.
 - 2. Medical men and person eligible for Associate Membership of the Society who wish to take part in Scientific session only as Special Visitors on payment of a fee to be determined by the Reception Committee.
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Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting

This is to inform you that the 65th Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Psychiatric Society will be held on **12th January 2013 at 3.30 pm** at the Auditorium 2, Convention Centre, NIMHANS, Bangalore.

Agenda:

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Condolence Resolution.
3. Remarks of President
4. Confirmation of the minutes of 64th AGBM (Kochi).
5. Business arising from minutes of last AGBM.
6. Reading and Adoption of General Secretary's report.
7. Reading and adoption of Treasurer's report and a statement of audited accounts.
8. Reading and adoption of Editor's report.
9. Declaration of Result of Election of President-Elect and Direct EC member
10. Appointment of Member of Election Commission.
11. Appointment of the Auditors.
12. Amendments of the Rules & Bye-laws, if any.
13. Resolution from members, if any.
14. Adoption of statement of Audited Accounts of ANCIPS-2012 & Mid Term CME2011.
15. Venue of ANCIPS – 2015 and National Mid-Term CME – 2013.
16. WPA Regional Conference- Kochi 2015.
17. Discussion on Mental Health Care Bill 2012.
18. WPA/ WFMH matters.
19. Approval of new State and Local Branches if any.
20. Declaration of the Awards.
21. Business from the Executive Council.
22. Any other business with the permission of chair.

Date- December 7th, 2012

Dr. Asim Kumar Mallick
Honorary General Secretary

Important I.P.S. Matters:

ANCIPS-2013, Bangalore (10 - 13 January, 2013) will be a grand event.

All members are cordially invited once again. For any assistance, please contact – Dr. A. Jagadish, the Organizing Secretary ANCIPS-2013, Bangalore. Mobile: 9844059066 Email: a_jagadish@yahoo.com

Notice for Annual EC meeting: The Annual EC meeting will be held on 9th of January, 2013 in Board Room, Convention Centre at NIMHANS, Bangalore from 4.00 pm onwards.

Post AGBM EC meeting (elected EC Members only) will be held on 13th of January, 2013 at 9.00 am at NIMHANS, the venue for the ANCIPS-2013.

Reports of IPS Zonal Branches, Sub-Committees, Specialty Sections and Task forces: Kindly send to IPS President and General Secretary by 31st December 2012.

IPS HQ Delhi: Please donate liberally to IPS HQ fund, so that we can introduce some more "state of the art" facilities. We have decided, all contributions by Fellows and Members of Rs 100,000 or more will be acknowledged and their names will be inscribed on a plaque at the HQ.

All Secretaries of Zonal Branches and State Branches are requested to send their activity report for the year 2012 to Hon. General Secretary both in soft and hard copy by 31st December 2012.

Web-sites: www.ips-online.org; www.indianjpsychiatry.org; e-ips.org

Thanks and wishing you a very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

Yours' in IPS

Dr. Asim Kumar Mallick
Hon. General Secretary,
Indian Psychiatric Society

Minutes of the IPS 64th Annual General Body Meeting

The annual meeting of IPS General Body was convened at 3.30pm but meeting was adjourned for lack of quorum. At 4.00 pm the AGBM reconvened. IPS President Dr Roy Abraham Kallivayalil was in chair and called the meeting to order.

Following members were present:

Dr Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, Dr. U C Garg, Dr. Asim Mallick, Dr. T S S Rao, Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala, Dr. Nikhil Patel, Dr. P.C. Shastri, Dr. T. Sagar, Dr. Kunji Chacko M.Jacob, Dr. Ramanathan Sathianathan, Dr. Anandan Kalarikal Raghavan, Dr. Sivathanu Pillai, Dr. A.G. Viswanathan, Dr. John C. J., Dr. P.M. Madhavan, Dr. Sudarsan K., Dr. M. Thirunavukkarasu, Dr. Joseph P. Varghese, Dr. Thomas Kuruvilla, Dr. P.A. Sherif, Dr. Thomas John, Dr. Venugopal Raghavakurup, Dr. S. Kalyanasundaram, Dr. Philip John, Dr. M. Mukundan, Dr. Om Prakash Singh, Dr. Dilip Kumar Basu, Dr. Chandran Pisharoty, Dr. Sudhir Tindivanam, Dr. Sivasankaran P., Dr. Mahaboob Razak K., Dr. Satya Prakash Gupta, Dr. Rajeev Jain, Dr. Vikas Menon, Dr. Prasad Rao Gundugurti, Dr. Devashish Konar, Dr. Sagar Lavania, Dr. Debjani Bandyopadhyaya, Dr. Amrit Pattojoshi, Dr. Kuldip Kumar, Dr. Prabir Paul, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Kshirod Kumar Mishra, Dr. Srikumar Mukherjee, Dr. H. Nagaraja, Dr. A. Jagadish, Dr. V. Muthukrishnan, Dr. Arnab Banerjee, Dr. Uday Kumar Sinha, Dr. C. L. Narayan, Dr. Gautam Saha, Dr. Sunita Simon Kurpad, Dr. Narivelil D. Mohan, Dr. Charles Pinto, Dr. Chandrasekhar Kammammettu, Dr. Sukhjit Singh, Dr. Raveesh Bevinahali Nanjegowda, Dr. Kunnukattil Sivaraman Shaji, Dr. S. Nambi, Dr. Mohan Raj Subbaraman, Dr. Adarsh Tripathi, Dr. Debasish Basu, Dr. Gujar Kishor Vishwanath, Dr. Chandrashekhar Dattatraya Joshi, Dr. Shahul Ameen, Dr. Madhav Dattatreya Dhavale, Dr. Kirpekar Vivek Chintaman, Dr. Indrapal Singh, Dr. M. Kalikuz Zaman, Dr. Kuppuswami Thiagarajan, Dr. Sangani Vipul, Dr. C. Sadhanand, Dr. Anand Krishnamurthy Handigol, Dr. R. Chandrasekaran, Dr. Avdesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Marwale Vishwanbharao Arun, Dr. Deepak Sadashiv Rathod, Dr. Dinesh Narayanan, Dr. Rajesh Rastogi, Dr. C. R. Radhakrishnan, Dr. Nand Kishore, Dr. V. V. Mohan Chandran, Dr. Murali Thyloth, Dr. Nanasaheb Madhavarao Patil, Dr. Rajendra Prabhakar Hegde, Dr. Swaminath Gopal Rao, Dr. Channapatna Shamasundar, Dr. Gautam Shiv K. Sharma, Dr. Neelam Kumar Bohra, Dr. Neena Bohra, Dr. K. Bhushan, Dr. Krishna Gopal Thanvi, Dr. Sunil Mittal, Dr. Deepak Raheja, Dr. Gautham Das Udipi, Dr. Ranadip Ranjan Ghosh Roy, Dr. M. S. V. K. Raju, Dr. Alka Vasant Pawar, Dr. Sarvesh Chandra, Dr. Ramesh Kumar Mahendru, Dr. Rajagopalan Tampi, Dr. Prem Singh Valdiya, Dr. Prasanta Kumar Chakraborty, Dr. P. Ramakrishna, Dr. V. S. Subbarao Ryal, Dr. Jaya Prakashan K. P, Dr. Paruthiazathu Damodaran Vidyadharan, Dr. Om Prakash, Dr. P. K. Dalal, Dr. Sudhir Kumar Chauhan, Dr. Chandra Shekhar M, Dr. Mahesh Ramanna Gowda, Dr. A. G. Unnikrishna Pisharody, Dr. Krishan Chand Jindal, Dr. Vijay Kumar Mundhra, Dr. Vinod G Kulkarni, Dr. Dinesh Keshav Narurkar, Dr. Dharmendra Vitthalrao Kendre, Dr. Sudam Hajan Rao Mogle, Dr. John A. John, Dr. V. S. Poornananda Bashyam, Dr. Govind S. Bhogale, Dr. Jayakar Jesudason, Dr. Sivachidambaram Balasubramanian, Dr. Ravi Shankar Rao, Dr. Ramanan Earat, Dr. Abhay Matkar, Dr. Ajit Vasant Bhide, Dr. Antony James Thoppu, Dr. Samir Kumar Praharaj, Dr. Alfred V. Samuel, Dr. Sandeep Grover, Dr. P. Anandhan, Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Dr. P. Kulhara, Dr. Vivek Benegal, Dr. Tophan Pati, Dr. Vijayakumar P., Dr. G. S. Palaksha, Dr. Vithal Dasharath Patange, Dr. Suhash Chakraborty, Dr. Kailas Chandra Nayak, Dr. Girish N. Babu, Dr. Rishikesh Vijay Behere, Dr. Arun Kandasamy, Dr. Uma Shankar Molanguri, Dr. Nallapaneni Nageswar Rao, Dr. Reddy Mayuranatha Jalli, Dr. Satish Madhukar Joshi, Dr. Vidyadhar Govind Watve, Dr. Shrirang Dharmajis Solunke, Dr. Mohammed Ali Namboorimatathil Mohammed Kutty, Dr. Mohan K. Isaac, Dr. S. M. Badhur Mohideen, Dr. Arun Kumar Misra, Dr. Ashok K. Alimchandani, Dr. Jitendra N. Nanawala, Dr. Kailash, Dr. Pankaj Kumar Verma, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Rakesh Jacob Cherian, Dr. Alby Elias, Dr. Harish T., Dr. Vivekanandan S., Dr. R Mangala, Dr. Saurabh Kumar, Dr. K. S. Jacob, Dr. Manaswi Gautam, Dr. Anoop Vincent, Dr. P. S. Murthy, Dr. Raja Narayananraja Rangarajan, Dr. Raju N. Paturi, Dr. Sureshkumar Munirathinam, Dr. Venkatesh Ramachandran, Dr. Ranganathan Ram, Dr. Antony Fernandez, Dr. Kiran Verma, Dr. Manik Changoji Bhise, Dr. Ashok Reddy Karredla, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Agarwal, Dr. G. S. P. Raju, Dr. Narasimha Reddi K., Dr. Suresh Kumar Gunapalli, Dr. Kadiveti Udaya Kumar, Dr. Jai Singh Yadav, Dr. Samiksha Kaur, Dr. Nadukuru Nooka Raju, Dr. Varghese Mathew, Dr. John P. John, Dr. Jinen N.S., Dr. Daniel Saldanha, Dr. Chandrashekhar Sharma, Dr. Harisha Delanthabettu, Dr. Indira Sharma, Dr. Asit Baran Ghosh, Dr. Ponnudurai Ratnaraj, Dr. Porandla Kishan, Dr. Rupendra Kumar Brahma, Dr. Ajit Kumar Avasthi, Dr. Kalim Ahmed Khan, Dr. John M. J., Dr. C. Madhava Das, Dr. Shirish Madhukar Sule, Dr. Umesh Sureshrao Nagapurkar, Dr. Thota Murali Mohan, Dr. Parida Surendranath, Dr. Anil Kumar T. V., Dr. Krishnamurthy Kavirayani, Dr. Venkatasubramaniam Balasubramaniam Iyer, Dr. Indla Ramasubba Reddy, Dr. Varghese P Punnoose.

Condolences:

Gen. Secretary Dr U C Garg read the names of the members who had passed away during year 2011: Dr Geevarghese- Thrissur, Dr A K Bordhan Cuttak, Dr Durga Bhagat Ranchi, Prof. SS Agnihotri Kanpur, Dr. Prakash Rajaram Nemade Jalgaon , Dr Amardeep Singh Kohli Ludhiana, Dr Ashutosh Kapoor Jabalpur, Dr SP Ramesh Thrissur, Dr. Madhuban Singh Agra, Dr. (Lt. Col. Retd) Chakravortty and Hemanga Bhushan

The members from the House read the eulogy of departed members. AGB recalled the contributions made by departed members and prayed God to rest their soul in peace. Two minutes silence was observed and it was resolved to send the condolence messages to the bereaved families.

Remarks of the President:

President Roy Abraham Kallivayalil expressed his gratitude to all for giving him responsibility of the post of President of the Society. He said, he considers this as a great honour and a sign of the goodwill and love of the Fellows and members of the Society. He said, he will strive his best to live up to the confidence and trust the Society has reposed on him. He requested the help and support of all members of the Society in running the affairs of the Society. He said he will make every effort to visit all the Zones of the Society during their annual conferences this year. Our ties with WHO/ WPA/ APA/ IAPA/ BIPA./ SPF will be strengthened to make Indian Psychiatric Society a powerful force in world psychiatry. He welcomed all members in the AGBM and invited them to participate in the discussion freely.

Agenda wise discussion follows as:-

Confirmation of the minutes of 63rd AGBM (New Delhi):-

Hon.General Secretary read the minutes of last AGBM held at New Delhi. The minutes were passed, proposed by Dr R K Brahma and seconded by Dr N K Bohra.

Business arising from minutes of last AGBM:-

Dr A B Ghosh raised his objection over the purchase and naming of the IPS HQ in Delhi as he felt that this was exceeding the mandate given in last AGB. Gen Sec. Dr Garg read out the relevant portion of the minutes on page 3, item 11 and clarified, nothing exceeding the mandate has been done. Dr A B Ghosh said, the proposal of the name should have come from the floor otherwise it was unconstitutional. Dr Deepak Raheja said, Dr Shiv Gautam who proposed the name was part of the floor. Dr Ramanan Earat said that the mandate for the task force was only to find out a suitable place for IPS HQ but not for purchase. Dr Garg replied that no doubt the mandate given to the Task Force was to find out the suitable place and in pursuance of that the Task force visited many places and finally the present property was suggested as most suitable for purchasing. It was the EC which purchased the property after executing its powers laid down in the IPS Constitution. Dr Garg informed the AGB that the whole deal was materialized in the meeting of the EC held at Gurgaon where all EC members unanimously resolved to purchase the property. He also read out the relevant portion of the minutes of Extra Ordinary EC meeting held at Gurgaon for this purpose. Dr Ajit Avasthi said that the EC has fulfilled the mandate given by the AGB and there was no irregularity. Dr Sunil Mittal said, the purchase was done in a very regular and proper manner. The name may be properly modified like IPS Rajasthan House. Dr R Earat again said that the issue should have come back to the AGB before purchase as it involves a huge investment. Dr Harish from Bangalore said that the name was unanimously approved in last AGB and there should not be regional differences. Dr Shiv Gautam said, the Task Force only did what it was expected to do. He explained the circumstances in which the proposal of naming came up in last AGB. He said that as a major contribution of purchase money was made out of Jaipur ANCIPS savings, therefore he suggested name of IPS Jaipur House but it was the house which suggested the name as IPS Rajasthan House. He further said that the name does not matter but we should transcend differences and make the HQ functional, with due furnishing and equipping it with necessary amenities. Dr Kalyansundaram said that though he was not present in last AGBM, he commended the efforts of a particular group for contributing more than half of the cost of the purchase, so the name of IPS Jaipur House should be approved. Brig. MSVK Raju said, we should look forward and leave aside the small things. He agreed with the purchase. Dr Ajit Bhide said, although the EC exceeded the limit set by last AGB, it was in good faith. Dr Mukesh Jagiwala said that the price of the land would escalate, so it was not practical to wait for another AGB for purchase. Dr R Ponnudurai said, the duty of EC has been executed properly. He quoted the relevant portion of the Constitution. Dr James T Antony said, it was a great achievement and all appreciations must be placed on record. Even if the mandate was exceeded, it was done in good faith and has to be approved. Dr Rajeev Jain said that the audited accounts of ANCIPS should be submitted first. He was apprehensive for recurring cost involved for running the HQ. Dr Nikhil Patel appreciated the spirit behind the purchase of HQ and suggested to name it as IPS HQ Rajasthan House. Dr Philip John congratulated the EC and suggested to name it as IPS House “Rajasthan Gift”. Finally President gave the ruling as follows 1- All criticisms from Dr AB Ghosh, Dr Ramanan Earat and others are constructive and are noted as such. 2 President requested the house for unanimous approval of the purchase of IPS HQ. This was given by the House with great applause from the Floor. 3. Regarding naming of the HQ, the approval of last AGB as IPS National HQ “Rajasthan House” should be upheld.

Reading and Adoption of General Secretary's report:-

Hon.General Secretary Dr U C Garg read the annual report of the activities of the Society held during the year 2011. The printed copies were circulated to the members. Starting the discussion over the report, Dr Om Prakash suggested to meet Members of Parliament to persuade MCI to include Psychiatry as a separate subject in MBBS syllabus. The President clarified the progress in this matter. Dr A B Ghosh suggested to avoid going to Ministers but to approach directly MCI. Dr Sunil Mittal said, lobbying is needed to influence and pressurize the MCI. Dr Joseph Varghese said that a new Council “National Council for Higher Education” is coming up. This was the best time to intervene for MBBS curriculum. President Roy said, a Task Force in UG medical education will be appointed, to pursue the matter of MBBS Curriculum with Psychiatry as a separate subject. Dr Thyagrajan from Thanjavur appreciated the Social Security Scheme and raised apprehension for delay in getting the scheme certificates. Dr Mukesh Jagiwala explained reason for the delay, as the certificates were to be signed by four office bearers. Dr Thyagrajan suggested to give wide publicity to this scheme through IPS journal. Dr Handigol requested the Zonal representatives to propagate the scheme. Dr Sarvesh Chandra wanted to increase the subscription amount. Dr Mukesh Jagiwala Secretary SSS announced the names of Zonal representatives and other office bearers. President Dr Roy Abraham appreciating the SSS suggested to raise its membership and submission of its report in every EC and AGB meeting. Dr Ajit Bhide pointed out the omission of Karnataka State Branch annual Conference from the report. The Gen Secretary explained that the report was prepared after getting the relevant informations from the Zonal and State Secretaries and there was no such information from Karnataka State Branch. President Dr Roy suggested Gen Secretary to include this item in the report. Dr Ponnudurai enquired about the guidelines for institution of new IPS Awards submitted by Dr Joseph Verghese. Dr Garg read out the guidelines submitted by Dr Joseph Verghese. The printed copies were circulated to the members. *Dr Ajit Avasthi* said that institution of new awards should be done with great caution and suggested two situations i) where the Society institutes an award at its own initiative, the award money coming from IPS only, not from donor. ii) where the proposal comes from a Fellow or member, such proposal should be accepted after thorough scrutiny and circulation of the information among the members. The minimum amount for institution of award should be Rs. 10 lakhs from this year. President Dr Roy said, Dr K C Dubey Award has already been accepted and approved by previous AGB. Gen Secretary said, Dr M Murugappan award has to be decided in this AGB. Dr S Nambi said, Murugappan award was also discussed in last AGB. He narrated the contributions made by Dr M Murugappan. He further suggested that the amendments proposed by Dr Ajit Avasthi may be applied to future awards. Dr Ajit Avasthi agreed with the sentiments. Dr Chidambaram and Dr Badur Mohiddin supported the proposal for Dr Murugappan award. Dr Ponnudurai suggested that the pending requests for awards before the submission of Dr Joseph Verghese Committee may be accepted. Finally President Dr Roy Abraham requested the House to approve the Dr Murugappan award proposal and the House unanimously approved it. It was decided, KC Dube Award and Murugappan Award will be given from the 2013 annual conference. The Gen Secretary's report was adopted, proposed by Mukesh Jagiwala and seconded by Nikhil Patel.

Reading and adoption of Treasurer's report and a statement of audited accounts:-

Hon. Treasurer Dr Asim Kumar Mallick read the Treasurer's report and audited accounts of the Society. Dr Gautamdas poited out for a correction as the cheque was issued not to him. Dr Joseph Varghese raised the matter of using the PAN of IPS by ANCIPS and Zonal Branches. He said that this act defeats the purpose of the Constitutional amendment of delinking the accounts. The Treasurer informed that many Zonal Branches do not have their income tax PAN. President Dr Roy requested opinion from the floor as this was a serious matter. Dr Sunil Mittal said, guidelines were needed for use of PAN for ANCIPS. Dr

Rajiv Jain said that till the time Zonal Branches get their PAN within a specified time limit, they should be allowed to use IPS PAN. Otherwise all their activities may stop. Dr P C Shastri said that this is a grave problem and may invite huge penalty if it is not sorted out. He suggested to follow the Constitution strictly. Dr Gautamdas said, according to the IT Act, it is incorrect to use the PAN of IPS unless the accounts come to IPS books. It may be a serious offence. Dr J Nanawala said that only ANCIPS should be allowed to use IPS PAN. Dr Mukesh Jagiwala suggested i) asking for the total books of accounts along with audit report from Organising Committee and ii) instructing Zonal/ State/ Local branches not to use IPS PAN. Dr Joseph Verghese said that Zonal/ State/ Local Branches should not be allowed but ANCIPS may be permitted to use IPS PAN. Dr Ponnudurai agreed with Dr Joseph Verghese quoting the Article 42 clause 2, where it is mentioned that only ANCIPS and national Mid Term CME can use the IPS PAN. Dr Srikumar Mukherjee, Dr Philip John, Dr Indira Sharma and Dr Sarvesh Chandra participated in the discussion. Finally, President Roy Abraham Kallivayalil gave the ruling that no one can use the IPS PAN without permission and if it is used in any contingency, all books of accounts and surplus money will go to IPS. The President also appealed to all members, to contribute generously to IPS HQ fund and follow the example set by TSS Rao who had donated Rs One lakh . The report was adopted, proposed by Dr Sarvesh Chandra and seconded by Dr R R Ghosh Roy.

Reading and adoption of Editor's report:-

Hon. Editor Dr T S S Rao read the report. Initiating the discussion, Dr Philip John congratulated the Editor TSS Rao and said that the Editor should not be burdened with finding the money for publishing the IJP. He suggested i) to make the journal sustainable by making it a paid subscription for the hard copy@ Rs 300/-. The E-copy copy can be free as mentioned in the constitution ii) to raise a corpus fund of Rs 50 lakhs for the Journal and iii) to allocate Rs 1000/- as contribution out of the registration fee collected from ANCIPS delegates. Dr Mohan Issac complemented the Editor and his team for good work like indexing/ citations/ impact factors etc. He suggested creation of a publishing house for IPS like APA or Royal College, where the publications can be priced so that others can purchase them. It will generate money also. He also supported the suggestion made by Philip John. Ajit Avasthi complimented the Editor and said that a regular systematic model is to be evolved for raising the funds for Journal. He suggested i) to make the IJP a priced journal ii) to make all IPS publications priced and iii) to bring concrete proposals from the Journal Committee for funding through EC to next AGB. Dr Harish from Bangalore said that IJP should be freely accessible and advertisements can be collected for improving the impact/ hit rate. Dr Thyagrajan said that even the e-copy should not be free of cost and advertisements from private medical colleges may be campaigned for. Gautam Saha and Mukesh Jaggiwala said that members should get IJP free of cost. Gautamdas and Vinay Kumar suggested developing cost saving measures to reduce the total cost of publishing the IJP. N N Raju, Ramanan Earat, Ghosh Roy and P Joseph Varghese suggested for bringing constitutional amendments in next AGBM. Dr Sarvesh Chandra suggested appointing a Task force for bringing some clear suggestions for fund raising. Dr K S Shaji, Dr Kalyansundaram and Dr K K Mishra suggested to utilize the IPS funds like fixed deposits etc. Sandeep Grover suggested that all IPS publications should be priced and said that IJP supplement for ANCIPS abstracts should be published by Editor. The President said i) constitutional amendments may be needed for making the IJP priced and ii) the Editor should not be burdened with raising money from pharma companies for the advertisements. The report was passed, proposed by Dr Kishor Gujar and seconded by Philip John.

Election of Office Bearers & Direct EC Members:-

The President invited the Chairman Election Commission Dr Jitendra Nanawala for announcing the results of the IPS Election-2012. Dr Nanawala presented the report of the Election Commission where in it was suggested to find out some ways like e-voting to avoid so many invalid postal votes. He declared the results as follows:- Dr Indira Sharma elected for the post of Vice President cum President Elect, Dr Asim Kumar Mallick for General Secretary, Dr Vinay Kumar for Treasurer, Dr TSS Rao for Editor, Dr Mukesh Jaggiwala, Dr Nand Kishor and Dr K Sudarsan for the post of Direct Council Members. President Roy Abraham appreciated Jitendra Nanawala and his team for the excellent work. He then invited the newly elected Office Bearers and EC members on to the dais. The President assured that the new team will work together committedly.

Appointment of Member of Election Commission:-

The AGB appointed Dr R R Ghosh Roy for the post of the member, Election Commission falling vacant due to retirement of one of its member Dr J Nanawala.

Appointment of the Auditors:-

The Hon. Treasurer proposed the name of the current Auditor Subir Kumar De which was adopted unanimously.

Amendments of the Rules & Bye-laws, if any:-

Gen. Secretary Dr U C Garg informed the AGB that the Council was in receipt of six proposals for amendments of Bye laws. He further informed that EC has discussed each proposal in detail and forwarded the proposals 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th to AGB for further discussion and approval. EC did not find the proposals 1st and 2nd sufficiently important for discussion in AGB. The President Dr Roy Abraham asked proposers of proposal 1st and 2nd respectively Dr TSS Rao and Dr Sarvesh Chandra, whether they wanted their proposals to be discussed in AGB. Dr TSS Rao and Dr Sarvesh Chandra both withdrew their proposals.

The AGB discussed rest proposals one by one. Regarding the 3rd proposal moved by Dr Varghese P Punnoose , Dr Joseph Varghese said that it was forwarded by Kerala State branch. Dr Sarvesh Chandra said that this proposal can be accepted partly. Dr K S Shaji said that the present system is better. Dr K K Mishra , Dr Asim Mallick, Dr Om Prakash, Dr Tophan Pati , Dr Mukesh jagiwala, Dr P C Shastri participated in the discussion. Dr Joseph Varghese suggested to submit this proposal for amendment for study. The President referred this proposal to IPS Constitution Committee and instructed to come to next AGB with comments.

Regarding 4th proposal moved by Dr Rajeev Jain, Dr Sarvesh Chandra said that it is a punishment, if the members of the election commission are not permitted to contest for 3 years. Dr Vinay Kumar said that it should be only one year. Dr Mukesh Jagiwala insisted for 2 years, as for one year, the retiring election commission member may be a invitee member for EC. Dr Asim Mallick said that the date of retirement of member of election commission is not clearly defined. Dr Kalyansundaram said that there was no logic in any ban. Dr U C Garg said that this clause of ban should be applied to those members of election commission who resign the post before their retirement. Dr Ramanan Earat said that the ban should be at National level and not at Zonal or State, Local level. Dr Ajit Avasthi explained background behind this ban, as there must be a cooling period of one year for retiring member. So the resolution for amendment can be accepted. Dr Sarvesh Chandra said that this resolution casts doubt on integrity of the Election Commission. President Dr Roy suggested that this resolution with modification may be considered by this House. Dr Rajeev Jain accepted the suggestion and modified the proposal which was approved by the AGB unanimously. The Art VI Clause 13(a) g)- will read like this:

g). The members of the Election Commission shall not give consent or fill Nomination for any elected post and shall not be eligible for nomination to various posts for one year at National level after retiring/ relinquishing / resigning from the Office of the Election Commission.

Regarding 5th proposal moved by Dr Vinay Kumar and Dr Sarvesh Chandra, the AGB accepted and approved the amendment in clause 12- for nomenclature of post and clause 17 for posting of postal ballots by speed post. Amendment in clause 13.g was already accepted and approved with proposal from Dr Rajeev Jain. Amendment in clause 14.d was accepted and approved by AGB with modification. Now the amended clauses will read like this:

Clause 12: Election for the vacancies occurring in post/ posts of Vice President cum President Elect (who will be the President for the succeeding year), Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor and Direct Members of the Council shall be held on the day prior to the Annual General Body Meeting. If however, post of President falls vacant in a year because of any reason, election of President will also be held along with election of other office bearers mentioned earlier. No member will be allowed to contest for more than one post at the same time.

Clause 14. d: After election notification, contestants are allowed to canvass through telephonic conversation only. Canvassing through E-mails, SMS, teleconferencing, letters, pamphlets, posters, and hoarding shall not be allowed. In case of non-compliance of these regulations, the quantum of punishment shall be decided by the Election Commission which may include from issuing a warning notice up to disqualification from the election.

Clause 17. POSTAL VOTING

a) The returning Officer shall send the postal ballot papers along with final communication intimating them the names of the candidates together with the bio data and photograph of each candidate and instructions relating procedure of casting of votes and return of ballot papers by 21st of December by "Speed Post" to the voters residing in India and by airmail to those residing overseas. The Election Commission shall not entertain any request for duplicate ballots

Regarding 6th proposal moved by Dr R R Ghosh Roy, Dr Joseph Varghese said that Overseas members should not have the same rights. Dr Ajit Avasthi, Dr Sarvesh Chandra participated in the discussion. President Dr Roy referred the proposal to the Constitution Committee for the comments in next AGB as this proposal was not accepted by AGB in present form. The AGB directed the Hon. Gen Secretary to incorporate the adopted amendments of Bye- Laws in the Constitution of the Society w.e.f. 21 January 2012.

Resolution from member's, if any:-

The Gen Secretary informed the house that last AGB approved one resolution which was proposed by Dr Ajit Avasthi for "Indian Psychiatric Society Research and Education Foundation" and the President was requested to activate it in coming year with necessary modification suggested by the House. The Gen. Sec. informed the AGB that Sun Pharmaceutical company has agreed to donate Rs 5 lacs. The House discussed another resolution i.e. Online IPS Continuing Psychiatrist Development (CPD) proposed by Dr Gauthamdas. Dr Ajit Avasthi welcomed the project and suggested that this CPD can be a part of IPS Research and Education Foundation. Dr Joseph Varghese also agreed with Dr Avasthi. After due discussion, the House approved the resolution on CPD and Dr Ajit Avasthi was given responsibility to start the Research Foundation along with CPD on the guidelines suggested in the resolutions.

Adoption of statement of Audited Accounts of ANCIPS- 2011 & Mid Term CME- 2010:-

The Gen Secretary informed that audited accounts of Mid Term CME Aurangabad were sent by the Org. Sec. just before the ANCIPS-Cochin and has been discussed in Treasurers report. Accounts of ANCIPS-2011 are yet to be submitted as the report from Org. Sec. Dr Sunil Mittal said that some payments were to be cleared. He further informed that a part of savings has already been sent to the IPS HQ fund (amount mentioned in Treasurers's report) and rest amount along with audited statement of accounts will be submitted very soon.

Venue of ANCIPS – 2013 & 2014 and National Mid-Term CME – 2012:-

The Hony. Gen. Secretary informed that he was in receipt of three invitations for ANCIPS-2013 and two invitations for IPS National Mid -Term CME-12. For hosting ANCIPS-13, one invitation was from Mysore, 2nd from Dr Tophan Pati, Bhuvneshwar and 3rd from Dr Jagdish, Bangalore. The Mysore and Bhuvneshwar invitations were withdrawn and invitation from Bangalore was accepted wherein the proposal of Dr Jagdish as Org. Secretary .was approved. The AGB also imposed a condition that the Org. Committee will not associate with any other Conference/ Forum or Group without the approval of EC. Dr R R Ghosh Roy suggested to signing a MOU between IPS and Org. Committee. For ANCIPS-2014, there were three invitations received, one from Dr G Prasad Rao at Hyderabad, another from Dr Kishore Gujar at Pune and third from Dr P K Singh at Patna. The AGB voted in favour of the Pune invitation and the proposal of Dr Kishore Gujar as Org. Sec. was approved. The IPS West Zone will be the co-host of the ANCIPS-2014. There were two invitations for Mid Term CME received, one from Dr Handigol at Dharwar supported by IPS Karnataka state branch and another from Dr C L Narayan at Bodhgaya supported by Bihar State branch. The invitation from Bodhgaya was accepted when Dr Handogol withdrawn his invitation in favour of Bodhgaya. Dr C L Narayan was nominated as Org. Secretary.

WPA matters:-

President Roy Abraham said, election of our official candidate Imm. Past President Dr Thirunavukarasu as Zonal Representative for WPA Zone-16 with very high margin of votes and other candidates supported by us spoke of the strong influence of IPS in WPA. He also appreciated the whole hearted support received from the other Member Society from India- Indian Association for Social Psychiatry- in this matter. President said, it is time IPS hosted a major event like International Congress/ Regional Congress of WPA in India in the year 2014 or 2015. The AGB congratulated Dr Thirunavukarasu and gave approval to go ahead with planning of WPA Conference in India. Dr Ajit Avasthi suggested to evolve such a mechanism that the decision of voting in WPA election may not remain dependent on the whims and fancies of the President. The President should vote on behalf of society with due discussion and decision in EC. Dr Thirunavukarasu said that it is the time to remain united .in WPA affairs and assured the house that as Zonal Representative, he will abide by the interest of the IPS. President Dr Roy informed the house that on the direction of one of the previous AGB, **the copy of Constitution of SAARC Psychiatric Federation has been circulated to all fellows and members of the Society in the past and no objection or suggestion was received.**

Therefore, he proposed to the House to give the permission to approve this Statute. The AGB accepted the proposal and unanimously approved the Constitution of SPF.

Approval of new State and Local Branches if any:-

Hony. Gen. Secretary informed that he was in receipt of three applications of proposals for formation of IPS -Local Branches namely from Jaipur, Nasik and Kolhapur but proper copy of their Constitution has not been submitted. The AGB approved all three branches with condition that the remaining formalities must be completed by the respective branches in the shortest time period and then approved by the EC.

Declaration of the Awards:-

The Chairman Award Committee Dr R Ponudurai announced the winners of various IPS awards for year 2012 as follows:

- 1- Dr D.L.N. Murthy Rao Oration Award- **Dr. P.C. Shastri** (LF 19074)
- 2- Tilak Venkoba Rao Oration Award- None Declared
- 3- Marfatia Award- **Dr. Sandeep Grover** (LF 19437), Chandigarh
- 4- Bhagwat Award- **Dr. Debjani Bandopadhyay** (LF 04143), Burdwan, WB
- 5- PPA -I Award- **Dr. R.K. Solanki, P. Singh, A. Midha, K. Chugh, M.K. Swami** (Jaipur)
- 6- PPA- II Award- **Dr. Ragavendra B. Nayak, Ramamurthy, Satish Girmaji, Jamuna Navaneetham** (Belgaum) and **Dr. Sandeep Grover, Subho Chakraborti, Ruchita Shah, Vineet Kumar** (Chandigarh)
- 7- Col. Kripal Singh award- **Dr. Pradyot Sarkar, A.K. Handa, V.S. Chauhan, Nidhi Kumar**
- 8- Bombay Psychiatric Society Silver Jubilee Award- **Dr. Venkatesh Babu** (LOM/V08/11), Ranchi – East Zone
- 9- Young Psychiatrist Award- **Dr. Rishikesh V. Behere** (LOM/R07/08), Manipal

The Secretary Dr U C Garg informed the AGB that the awards for best Zonal and State branch for Year 2011 were awarded during the inaugural Session of ANCIPS to respectively IPS North Zone and IPS Karnataka State Branch

Business from the Executive Council:-

Gen Secretary Dr U C Garg informed the house that EC has forwarded the request for developing the methodology for approving the proposals for institution of Awards. Dr Ajit Avasthi explained the importance of the awards and to keep the high standards of the awards, very stringent criteria and the type of eminence is needed, he said. He also suggested to raise the Corpus funds for the Awards. Dr Joseph Varghese also agreed to views by Dr Avasthi. The AGB decided to refer back the matter to Dr R Ponnudurai, Dr Joseph Varghese and Dr Ajit Avasthi to propose the specific criteria and report to the EC for discussion and further approval. AGB further decided that till the guidelines are approved, no more new award proposals will be accepted.

President sought the opinion of the House over the matter of e-ips as official group. Dr Ajit Avasthi said that it has to be examined very closely before taking the decision. He further said that it may be an interactive forum of IPS at the web. Gen. Secretary Dr Garg expressed concern over some postings on e-ips which was objected by Ministry of Health, Govt. of India. President Dr Roy appreciated the e-ips group and suggested to function as an arm of IPS. If members want to make it official, it needed a proposal to be brought before EC and subsequent ratification by AGB.

Any other business with the permission of chair:-

Dr Ajit Avasthi said that delegate badge should not contain any advertisement of the pharmaceuticals product. Dr R K Brahma said that the final communication was not received. President Dr Roy suggested that the copy of final program of ANCIPS must be sent to the members sufficiently in advance. Some Members asked for developing guidelines for Tele-psychiatry. President Roy Abraham entrusted Dr Ajit Avasthi to develop these guidelines. Dr Omprakash, said improving scientific presentations is important. The President said, the Scientific Committee of the Society which selects the presentations will take care of this.

In his concluding remarks, President Roy Abraham Kallivayalil said, Psychiatry as a subject for MBBS in UG medical education and making our new HQ at Delhi fully functional and holding at least one EC meeting at HQ, before the next AGBM will be priorities in his agenda. He said, since a new Mental Health Act is coming up before parliament soon, a task force on Mental Health Legislation will be appointed and an IPS position paper on the proposed new MH Act will be submitted to the Govt of India. He said, a new committee 'Past Presidents Council' and a new Section on Preventive Psychiatry will be appointed with the approval of the EC. He said, Training & CPD Modules will be entrusted to IPS Education and Research Foundation. With a view to encourage young psychiatrists, a dedicated Young Psychiatrists Tract and International Fellowships are planned for next Ancips. President also said he will make every effort to empower the EC comprising 24 members consisting the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, 7 Direct Council Members, 10 Zonal representatives, Immediate Past President and Immediate Past Secretary and said they have a much bigger responsibility as they alone have the right to vote in EC meetings and they have duty to protect the interests of the Society and report to the next AGBM. The President placed on record the efforts and services of Dr U C Garg who was retiring from post of Gen. Secretary, Dr Asim Mallick who was Hon Treasurer for a record seven years, Dr T S S Rao as editor and Imm. Past President Dr Thirunavukarasu and appreciated them for their remarkable contribution to IPS. President said Kochi 2012 was one of the best annual conferences of IPS ever and said he has received widespread appreciation from all. He proposed a resolution congratulating the Org. Committee of Ancips Kochi led by Kuruvilla Thomas for holding the ANCIPS in an exemplary manner which was unanimously approved by the House.

Dr Ajit Avasthi complimented all the outgoing office bearers and wished all the best for the new office bearers. Dr Avasthi also thanked the Org. Committee for excellent arrangements. The outgoing Gen Secretary Dr U C Garg expressed his gratitude to past presidents Dr Ajit Avasthi, Dr Thirunavukarasu, and President Dr Roy Abraham with whom he worked as Gen. Secretary for their guidance and support.

The AGBM ended at 9 pm with Vote of Thanks by new Gen Secretary Asim Mallik to the Chair for conducting the proceedings in an exemplary manner.



Dr. U. C. Garg, Hon. Gen. Secretary

date- **21 Jan. 2012**

place- **Cochin**

Proposed Resolution for Constitutional Amendment for discussion in 65th AGBM, IPS

PROPOSAL 1:

Part III : BYE LAWS

Article II Subscriptions					
Existing clauses			Proposed clauses		
2. For member residing in India: (Amendments adopted in 60 th AGBM at Kolkata on 05-01-2008)			2. For member residing in India:		
(a) The application fee shall be Rs.100/-			(a) The application fee shall be Rs.100/-		
(b) The Subscription for various classes of membership shall be:			(b) The Subscription for various classes of membership shall be:		
	Annual	Life		Annual	Life
(i) Fellow	Rs.500/-	Rs.5000/-	(i) Fellow	Rs.1000/-	Rs.10000/-
(ii) Ordinary Member	Rs.300/-	Rs.3000/-	(ii) Ordinary Member	Rs.600/-	Rs.6000/-
(iii) Associate Member	Rs.300/-	Rs.3000/-	(iii) Associate Member	Rs.600/-	Rs.6000/-
(iv) Corporate Member	Rs.10000/-	NA	(iv) Corporate Member	Rs.20000/-	NA
(v) Fellow above the age of 65	No fees		(v) Fellow above the age of 65	No fees	
3. For members residing overseas:			3. For members residing overseas:		
(a) Application fee shall be U.S.\$ 20/-			(a) Application fee shall be U.S.\$ 20/-		
(b) Subscription for various classes of membership shall be –			(b) Subscription for		
	Annual	Life		Annual	Life
(i) Fellow & Corresponding Fellow	U.S.\$ 60/-	\$ 600/-	Corresponding Fellow	U.S.\$ 60/-	U.S.\$ 600/-
(ii) Ordinary Member	U.S.\$ 50/-	\$ 500/-			
(iii) Associate Member	U.S.\$ 50/-	\$ 500/-			
(iv) Corporate Member	U.S.\$ 200/-	NA			

Proposed by Dr. JOSEPH VARGHESE P
LF No. 10032

Seconded by DR. VARGHESE P PUNNOOSE
LF No. 22056

PROPOSAL 2:

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VI---SECTION 17

Electronic voting is the need of the hour keeping pace with the environmental, economic & technological changes being made in this field.

Our other professional colleagues in orthopedics, pediatrics etc., have used these methods with good success in terms of efficacy, transparency & economic viability.

It is suggested that IPS initiates the process of electronic voting thru use of mobile phones or internet based----preferably mobile based only.

The sequence of events can be as follows:

- 1.The election notification will be sent by 01st Aug (presently 15th Aug) by post giving details of posts & procedure of mobile voting.
- 2.Nomination forms to reach CEC by 30th Aug(presently 15th Sept)
- 3.Scrutiny by 15th Sept(presently 30th Sept)
- 4.Last date of withdrawal--30th Sept(presently 20th Oct)
- 5.The final list of candidates will be uploaded on our website by 05th Oct.along with the procedure of mobile voting once again.
6. Between 10th Oct to 10th Nov mobile voting would take place.
7. By 21st Nov those who have not cast their votes would be sent postal ballot papers as is the present system.
8. Receipt of these ballot papers would be completed by 21st Dec.
9. In person can also be electronic based at the venue of ANCIPS as before.

It is proposed to achieve GREEN VOTING by 2016 i.e. elections of 2016 onwards will be completely mobile based. This amendment is put up for consideration.

Proposed by Dr. Abhay Matkar
LF No. 01164

Seconded by Dr. Ranadip Ranjan Ghosh Roy
LF No. 07022

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PROPOSAL 3:

Part III : BYE LAWS

Article II Subscriptions					
Existing clauses			Proposed clauses		
2. For member residing in India: (Amendments adopted in 60 th AGBM at Kolkata on 05-01-2008)			2. For member residing in India:		
(c) The application fee shall be Rs.100/-			(c) The application fee shall be Rs.200/-		
(d) The Subscription for various classes of membership shall be:			(d) The Subscription for various classes of membership shall be:		
	Annual	Life		Annual	Life
(i) Fellow	Rs.500/-	Rs.5000/-	(i) Fellow	Omit	Rs.10000/-
(ii) Ordinary Member	Rs.300/-	Rs.3000/-	(ii) Ordinary Member	Omit	Rs. 6000/-
(iii) Associate Member	Rs.300/-	Rs.3000/-	(iii) Associate Member	Omit	Rs. 6000/-
(iv) Corporate Member	Rs.10000/-	NA	(iv) Corporate Member	Rs.20000/-	NA
(v) Fellow above the age of 65	No fees		(v) Fellow above the age of 65	No fees	
3. For members residing overseas:			3. For members residing overseas:		
(a) Application fee shall be U.S.\$ 20/-			(a) Application fee shall be U.S.\$ 20/-		
(b) Subscription for various classes of membership shall be –			(b) Subscription for		
		Annual		Annual	Life
(v)	Life Fellow & Corresponding Fellow	U.S.\$ 60/-	Corresponding Fellow	Omit	U.S.\$ 600/-
(vi)	Ordinary Member	U.S.\$ 50/-			
(vii)	Associate Member	U.S.\$ 50/-			
(viii)	Corporate Member	U.S.\$ 200/-			

The existing Annual Member will have 2 years time i.e. upto 31st March 2015 to upgrade their status from Annual to Life otherwise those annual members' name will be omitted from the Membership List.

Proposed by Dr. Srikumar Mukherjee
LF No. 19013

Seconded by Dr. Kishor Gujar
LF No. 07049

PROPOSAL 4:

Rules and Regulations regarding the institution of Awards

1. Awards can be instituted either by IPS suo moto or by Fellows and members of the Indian Psychiatric Society.
2. The proposal for institution of the award should be submitted to Hon'y General Secretary who would place it before Executive Council. After the approval by Executive Council, the proposal would be placed before AGB. The award can be instituted only after the approval of AGB.
3. The rules and regulations of the award including the duration of the award, frequency of the award, the amount to be awarded and criteria for the selection would be decided by the Executive Council.
4. The minimum amount of corpus fund required for the institution of the award is Rs.10 lacs. The minimum amount required as a corpus fund would increase by Rs. 1 lac every year.
5. IPS can discontinue the award at any time with the approval of AGB.

Proposed by Dr. P. Joseph Varghese
LF no. 10032

Seconded by Dr. Varghese P Punnoose
LF no. 22056

The Four proposals, mentioned above, are circulated to all members from Hon. General Secretary, Indian Psychiatric Society.

Date- December 7th, 2012


Dr. Asim Kumar Mallick
Honorary General Secretary
Indian Psychiatric Society

CONSTITUTION OF SAARC PSYCHIATRIC FEDERATION

PROVIDED BY

DR. HARISCHANDRA GAMBHEERA
(SRILANKA) PAST PRESIDENT, SPF

The SAARC Psychiatric Federation (S.P.F)

Draft Statutes of the S.P.F.

I. NAME, REGISTERED OFFICES, OBJECTIVES

Article 1

An International Association is constituted with a philanthropic, scientific and humanitarian object under the name "SAARC Psychiatric Federation".

The activities shall extend to whole of the SAARC region that is India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives and Bhutan. The objectives of SPF, a non profit-making organisation, are:

To promote the subject of psychiatry and allied sciences in all their different branches and to promote the improvement of mental health of the people, research and mental health education in this region with cooperation at all levels between the countries included in this federation,

Article 2

METHODS

- 1- Hold conference and periodical scientific meetings of the federation.
- 2- Publish annual reports of the federation and from time to time special bulletin.
- 3- Advise the respective governments and other bodies on the various aspects of psychiatry and mental health including legislative, administrative, educational and research aspects.
- 4- To promote the co-operation between the professionals and other bodies in the advancement of medical and others sciences including joining other international societies and forums as institutional or corporate member.
- 5- To collect subscriptions and donations ,disburse funds for all or any of the subjects of the federation.
- 6- Do all such things and matters as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or the attainment of the above objects or any of them which are subsidiary to the said object.

Article 3

DEFINITION

“Federation” shall mean the SAARC psychiatric federation.

“Council” shall mean the executive council of the SAARC psychiatric federation.

“Member” shall be those whose names are on the membership register of national psychiatric societies of the all the SAARC nations.

OFFICE

The office of the Society shall be located at the place of work of the Honorary General Secretary.

II. MEMBERS

Article 4

I. Full active members

1. SPF is composed of all the registered members of any organisation representative mainly of psychiatrists and also of allied professionals, described in points a) and b) below, and having legal personality or constituted in keeping with the laws and customs of its country of origin can also become a full active member of the SPF with voting rights.

The conditions for admission to the SPF are the following:

- a. only the most representative non-governmental national professional organisation of a SAARC region representing psychiatrists and allied professions may become a full active member of the SPF.
- b. The above-mentioned organisations are full active members when they have legal personality in one of the countries of the SAARC region.

2. Two advisors and/or their alternates represent the member organisations on the executive Council if they have been duly given a mandate. The status of a specialist doctor psychiatrist is required for eligibility to take a seat in the Executive Council and in the various committees or working parties created by it.

Composition and functioning Of the Executive council of SPF

Article 5

The Composition Of The Executive Council Of SPF Is:

- the President,
- the Vice-Presidents,
- the Secretary General,
- the Joint Secretary
- the Treasurer
- the Editor
- Executive Committee
- Advisors

Article 6

1. The President, Two Vice Presidents, the secretary general, joint Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor and the Executive Committee and the advisors. Their functions shall be considered "supranational" functions; they are not cumulative with the representation of a member country
2. The representatives of respective countries on a rotational basis shall hold posts of the President, two Vice Presidents, the secretary general, Joint Secretary, Editor ,Advisors and the Treasurer. They shall be elected by national societies respectively and will be nominated thereafter. Rotation of the posts will be such so that representatives hold not all the posts from the same country. The Executive Committee of delegates will comprise of two nominations from each member country and three advisors.

The President has a mandate of one year, the Vice-Presidents of two years, the secretary general, joint secretary, editor, treasurer, advisors and executive committee has mandate for three years.

In the case of a vacancy arising from the death, resignation or dismissal of one of the members of the Executive Committee or of one of the Vice-Presidents, the Executive Council will, as quickly as possible, appoint a replacement from amongst its members until the next statutory nomination by the member society.

Candidatures for the Executive council

Every candidature for office must be presented in writing, either by the national delegation, or, with the formal agreement of the latter, by another delegation; the express agreement of the candidate must be mentioned.

Candidatures shall be lodged with the General Secretary, at the latest on the first day of the Plenary Assembly.

The Plenary Assembly shall be informed of every candidature.

II. The following decisions are reserved for the Executive Council:

- Admission and exclusion of full active members.
- Appointment and dismissal of Council Members.
- Adoption of the accounts and budgets.
- Amendment of the Statutes.
- Winding up of the association and allocation of its assets after settlement of debts.
- Determining the contribution levels by individual organizations.

Article 7

The Executive Committee has the widest possible powers over the

daily management and the defence of the interests of the SPF.

- I. It can be represented to third parties by the President or General Secretary or in an emergency by any delegate duly entrusted with a mandate by the President or by the General Secretary.

Meeting of the executive council

Article 8

- I. The Executive Council must hold an Ordinary Plenary Assembly at least once a year in one of the full member countries. Any other meeting may take place in another country.
- II. The date and place of the Plenary Session are fixed upon the proposal of the Executive Committee.
- III. All members may participate in Plenary Session.

Article 9

The Executive Council meeting as Plenary Assembly is legitimately constituted if three-quarters of the full active members mentioned in article 5 with voting rights are present or represented.

The resolutions of the Executive Council are taken with a majority of two-thirds, registered in a report and distributed to the members.

Article 10

The Executive Council meeting as Plenary Assembly will adopt, on the proposal of the Executive Committee and in accordance with a two-thirds majority of full active members, rules and regulations determining:

The functioning of the Executive Committee;

Any amendment of these rules is at the discretion of the Executive Council; it must appear in full on the agenda of the Plenary Assembly convened to rule on the subject.

Article 11

The delegates of each national member organisation are under the obligation:

1. Objectively and without delay, to inform the specialists in their countries of the activities and decisions of the SPF and,
2. to send to the General Secretary, at least once every year, at the latest two months before the date of the Plenary Assembly, a written summary about the development of the psychiatrists' professional situation in their country.

The President, General Secretary and Treasurer with the Standing committee of psychiatrists who sit "ex officio" and do not have the right to vote.

A Council member can be dismissed by the EC deciding by a ninth-tenths majority of the full active members present or represented for the same reasons and in accordance with the same rules as those listed in Article 5 with the exception of those concerning the majority conditions.

In this case, or in case of resignation or death of its representative on the Council, the full active member country concerned must present another Board member candidate for the vote by the EC

Article 13

Council decisions are taken using the same rules as those of the Executive Council, with the majority of two-thirds of the members having the right to vote, present or represented. Resolutions are recorded in a register signed by the President and kept by the secretariat at the disposal of the SPF members.

Article 14

1. The EC has all management and administrative powers .The EC manages the assets of the SPF and represents it in all judicial and other acts, through the intermediary of its President and his General Secretary. The SPF launches legal proceedings on the initiative of its President and of its General Secretary or any other member appointed for this purpose by the EC.
2. The EC has the power of adopting resolutions and positions on behalf of the SPF

Article 15

All acts which bind the SPF are signed by the President and by the General Secretary or, if unavailable, by two delegates chosen within the EC.

IV.BUDGETS AND ACCOUNTS

Contributions

Article 16

1. The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31st December.
2. The funds of the SPF arise from the annual subscriptions of its members, the amount and distribution of which are fixed each year by the Executive Council, according to any source of financial contribution approved by the EC. Contribution by each country depends upon the number of the registered members on the register of each member organization
3. The Treasurer is required to submit the accounts for the closing financial year and the draft budget for the upcoming financial year to the EC for approval. The Treasurer and the auditors shall make their reports.

VI. AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTION

Article 17

- I. Without prejudice, the statutes can only be amended upon proposal of the Executive Committee or upon written proposal of more than one-third of full active members. The full text of the amendments proposed would be taken up in the agenda of an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly of the Management Council, which will be called specially for this purpose.
- II. The amendment will be passed if a two-thirds majority is obtained from the full active members.
- III. To avoid any mistakes in interpretation, all modifications proposed will be drafted in the language of the original text.

Article 19

The official languages used by the SPF for official communications and papers that it publishes shall be English.

Article 20

The dissolution of the SPF can be proposed by the Executive Council, or, upon written request, by more than a third of the full active members of the SPF.

It may only be announced by the Extraordinary Plenary Assembly of the Management Council convened specially for this purpose and will be conditional upon a two-thirds majority of full active member countries.

Various functions

- A. of the President:
The President is charged more particularly:
 - The president shall hold office for one year and shall not be eligible for re-election.

- He shall have a casting vote in case of equality of votes in addition to his own ordinary vote.
- He shall regulate the proceedings of the meetings and conferences and interpret rules and regulations and decide doubtful points at issue.
- He shall preserve the order and shall decide on all points of order at or in connection with the meeting. There shall be no discussion on any point of order and the decision of the President shall be final.
- He shall be consulted on all-important matters concerning the affairs of the Society.
- He shall be the leader of any delegation of which he is a member.
- He will preside over all the meetings and Plenary Assemblies;
- He will represent SPF in relations with third parties, in conformity of the Statutes.

B. of the Vice-Presidents:

The Vice-Presidents are charged more particularly:

to replace the President in all part of his functions, if he is prevented, or by delegation of the President and the General Secretary acting together of the General Secretary:

C The Secretary General is charged more particularly:

- Shall be in charge of the office
- With the organization of meetings and the Plenary Assemblies, or any other meeting the responsibility for which is conferred upon him by the Plenary Assembly.

D Joint Secretary

General supervision of the account, passing of bills

- Shall get prepared by the Hony. Treasurer a fully audited annual statement of accounts for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- Shall organize, arrange and convene meetings, conferences, lecture and demonstrations etc.,
- Shall attend meetings of the Society and keep proceedings thereof.
- Shall bring any matter, which he considers necessary in the interest of the Society to the notice of the Executive Council for guidance and decision.
- When retiring shall hand over the properties, books etc. to the newly elected Hony. General Secretary within three weeks after the election.
- to ensure that information and correspondence are forwarded in English;
- to keep the archives;
- to control the drawing-up of the minutes of every meeting which need to be approved by the Plenary Assembly;
- to send the text of Statutes, and any amendment to the members.

E. of the Treasurer

The Treasurer is charged more particularly:

- Shall be responsible for collection of subscriptions and donations from members and well-wishers of the Society, and maintain index cards showing up to date subscription position.
- Shall sign the receipts and prepare statement of receipt and expenditure of the Society duly audited by an auditor appointed by the Annual General Body of the Society each year and shall present the same and the Balance Sheet at the Annual General Meeting.
- with the calculation of the annual subscription to be proposed at the Plenary Assembly, in agreement with the Executive, based on a draft budget and in conformity with the key previously accepted by the Assembly;
- to send out the requests for payment of subscription and to ensure their payment within the time required to balance the budget;
- to control expenditure and to establish an annual balance sheet to be submitted for the approval of the Plenary Assembly.

F Of The Editor

- The Editor shall be responsible for publication of the journal of the federation.
- He shall be the Chairman of the Editorial Board and the journal committee. The Council in consultation with the Editor shall elect members of the Editorial Board.
- He shall present his annual reports at the Annual Meeting of the Society
- He shall submit, an audited statement of accounts to the Hony. Treasurer before 30th, November every year.

Plenary Assembly of EC

Article 21

The Plenary Assembly of the EC consists of council members as defined.

The Assembly shall make valid decisions, insofar as three-quarters of members are present or represented. The date and place of the Ordinary Plenary Assembly of the executive Council shall be notified to all members, at the same time as a provisional agenda, at least two months before the meeting. Dispatch of the final agenda is left to the diligence of the General Secretary. Choice of the place of Ordinary Plenary Assembly

1. To support the proposal for a place for the Plenary Assembly, the full member country, which is the candidate host, is bound to submit to the General Secretary, at the latest two months before the preceding Plenary Assembly, a complete written case proving that the place chosen fulfils the required criteria.

VOTING PROCEDURE

Article 22

- II. Voting is done verbally, country by country, or show of hands, in three stages: one for those "for", one for those "against" and one for the "abstentions". However, the President may, on his own initiative or at the request of a full member, decide to proceed with a vote by secret ballot.
- III. Any vote relating to persons shall be carried out by secret ballot.

Decisions are taken by absolute majority of validly expressed votes, except for contrary provisions in the Statutes.

When a vote implies a formal stand to be taken by SPF. in relation to a third party as well as for a vote on the amount of the annual subscription and the breakdown key, the majority of two-thirds of full members present or represented is required; when the two-thirds are calculated, if the figure includes a decimal, it is agreed that the figure shall be rounded off to the nearest unit

Voting rights

Each national delegation has its vote cast by the head of the delegation or his alternate, appointed as such by national organization. In the case of a head of delegation becoming indisposed during a meeting, the second national delegate assumes these functions with the authorization of the President, advised by the General Secretary, duly informed.

Speaking rights

- A. The delegates and their alternates have the right to ask the President for the floor at any time when they want to address the Plenary Assembly. The accompanying experts may only speak with the agreement of the President if the head of the delegation or his alternate proposes them.

Guests and observers may be admitted to Plenary Assemblies, with the Executive permission. They may only take the floor when the President expressly asks them to do it; their statement shall be concise and strictly confined to the subject under discussion. Loss of the status of member

Loss of status of membership

Article 23

Full member or associate member organizations who wish to give up the status of member must give notice to the Executive of their intention at least six months before the end of the financial year and the question will be put before the Management Council. Such organizations will continue to be liable for the payment of their

subscription up until the end of the financial year during which they withdraw. The financial year coincides with the calendar year.

Article 24

Failure to pay the annual subscription for two consecutive years shall entail dismissal, insofar as the subscription reminder had been notified by registered letter and that the Executive Council meeting in Plenary Assembly had voted for dismissal .

Article 25

Any irregularity in the payment of the subscription entails suspension of the right to vote.

The irregularity shall be submitted to the Executive Council which shall decide upon other measures to take, notably, the prohibition to speak at meetings.

Article 26

The expulsion of a member may only be decided by the Plenary Assembly in Ordinary or Extraordinary Session, in conformity with the voting procedure.

Annual Conference

An Annual Conference of the FEDERATION shall be organised every year or as the EC may decide, under the auspices of the federation at a suitable place and time to be decided at the assembly of the EC.

The General Secretary of FEDERATION shall be responsible for

- 1- Fixing the dates.
- 2- To negotiate with members countries desirous of inviting the Annual Conference at different places.
- 3- Informing all the members of dates of the meetings.
- 4- Inviting delegates from International Psychiatric Associations

Venue of the conference will be on a rotational basis among the member countries

Reception Committee

- 1- The country inviting the conference shall form Reception Committee of the conference.
- 2- Office-bearers of the Reception Committee shall be elected by the Members of the Reception Committee.
- 3- The Reception Committee shall determine the registration fee at the Annual Conference in consultation with the Council.
- 4- The Conference shall be open to the following:
 - a) All members of the Reception Committee.
 - b) All members of the society.
 - c) Any other person authorised by the Reception Committee to be present on the occasion.
- 5- The Reception Committee shall be responsible for :-
 - a) Making arrangements for suitable accommodation and food for delegates (on payment).
 - b) Arrangement for the plenary and scientific sessions.
 - c) Printing of brochure and programme in consultation with the General Secretary of the federation.
 - d) Arranging for a suitable dignitary (in consultation with the General Secretary of the Society) to inaugurate the plenary session.
 - e) Arranging for social and cultural functions and sight seeing.
 - f) Raising funds for the conference through registration fees, grants, donations, advertisements etc.
- 6- The expenses of the Conference shall be wholly borne by the Reception Committee.
- 7- All members attending the Conference, except Members of the Reception Committee and the President and Joint Secretary of the Society, shall pay a registration fee to the reception committee.
- 8- Visitors:
 1. Prominent public men who are specially invited by the Reception Committee to attend the conferences without payment of any fees as Distinguished Visitors.
 2. Medical men and person eligible for Associate Membership of the Society who wish to take part in Scientific session only as Special Visitors on payment of a fee to be determined by the Reception Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF SAARC PSYCHIATRIC FEDERATION

PROVIDED BY
DR. GAUTAM SAHA

THE SAARC PSYCHIATRIC FEDERATION (S.P.F) STATUTES OF THE S.P.F.



(Adopted at the Special SAARC Psychiatric Federation Session held at Chandigarh on 30th January, 2005)

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The SAARC Psychiatric Federation (S.P.F)

Statutes of the S.P.F.

Article 1

Name

An International Association is constituted with a philanthropic, scientific and humanitarian object under the name "SAARC Psychiatric Federation" (SPF). The activities of SPF shall extend to whole of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) region- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives, Afghanistan and Bhutan.

Article 2

Aims and Objects

- a) To promote the subject of Psychiatry and allied sciences in all their different branches
- b) To promote mental health of the people in the South Asia region
- c) Mental health education in this region
- d) To contribute to the prevention of mental disorders
- e) To protect the rights of the mentally ill
- f) To promote the highest ethical standards in clinical practice
- g) To encourage research in mental health in South Asia.
- h) To foster co-operation at all levels between the countries of the federation
- i) To further international understanding and collaboration in mental health.

Article 3

Methods:

- a) Hold conferences and periodical scientific meetings of the federation.
- b) Publish annual reports of the federation and special bulletins.
- c) Advise the respective governments and other bodies on the various aspects of psychiatry and mental health including legislative, administrative, educational and research aspects.
- d) To promote the co-operation between the professionals and other bodies in the advancement of medical and others sciences including joining other international societies and forums as institutional or corporate member.
- e) To collect subscriptions and donations ,disburse funds for all or any of the subjects of the federation.
- f) Do all such things and matters as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them which are subsidiary to the said object.

Article 4

Definition

“Federation” shall mean the SAARC Psychiatric Federation (SPF).

“Committee” shall mean the executive committee of the SAARC psychiatric federation.

“Member” shall be those whose names are on the membership register of national psychiatric societies of the all the SAARC nations.

Article 5

Office:

The office of the Society shall be located at the place of work of the Honorary Secretary General.

Article 6

Full Members

Full Members of SPF is composed of all the registered Societies or Associations- mainly of psychiatrists and also of allied professionals-, which is the most representative non-governmental national professional organisation in each member country, of the SAARC region. Members of each such Society will automatically be members of SPF. The status of a specialist doctor psychiatrist is required for eligibility to take a seat in the Executive Committee .

Article 7

Affiliated Associations

Associations with the similar goals as those of SPF, which are not eligible as full members , may be considered for acceptance as affiliated associations. Affiliated association will not have voting power.

Article 8

Individual Members

Psychiatrists and allied professionals in SAARC countries where there is no Member Society/ Association affiliated to SPF, may become individual members of the Federation. After five years, individual members have the right to apply for Individual Fellowship (to be decided upon by the Executive Committee of SPF).

Article 9

Honorary Membership and Honorary Fellowship

Individuals who have excelled in their service of the SPF may be conferred Honorary Membership. If the contribution has been particularly important, they may be conferred Honorary Fellowship.

Article 10

Management

The general management of the Federation shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

Article 11

Composition of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- The President,
- The President-elect (Vice-President)
- The Secretary General
- The Joint Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Editor
- Immediate Past President and Imm Past Secretary General
- Executive Committee (two members each from a member country)
- Advisors- Three (as special invitees, without voting rights)

The representatives of respective countries on a rotational basis shall hold posts of the President, President-elect (Vice- President), Secretary General, Joint Secretary, Editor and the Treasurer. Rotation of the posts will be such that, not more than two posts among them shall be from the same country. The term of office of the President and President-elect, Secretary General, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Executive Committee members shall be two years. All office-bearers, except President and President-elect are eligible for re-election.

Article 12

Powers and functions of the Executive Committee

The following powers and functions are vested in the Executive Committee:

- Admission and exclusion of full members.
- Adoption of the accounts and budget.
- Amendment of the Statutes.
- Winding up of the association and allocation of its assets after settlement of debts.
- Determining the contribution levels by individual organizations.
- The EC has all management and administrative powers .The EC manages the assets of the SPF and represents it in all judicial and other acts, through the intermediary of its President and Secretary General.
- The EC has the power of adopting resolutions and positions on behalf of the SPF.

The Executive Committee has the widest possible powers over the daily management and the defence of the interests of the SPF. It can be represented to third parties by the President or Secretary General or in an emergency by any delegate duly entrusted with a mandate by the President or by the Secretary General. All acts which bind the SPF are signed by the President and Secretary General or, if unavailable, by two delegates chosen by the EC.

Article 13

Meetings of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee must hold an Ordinary Plenary Assembly at least once a year in one of the full member countries. Any other meeting may take place in another country. The Executive Committee meeting as Plenary Assembly is legitimately constituted if majority of the Full members with voting rights are present or represented.

The resolutions of the Executive Committee are taken by two thirds majority.

Article 14

Amendments

Any amendment of these rules must appear in full, on the agenda of the Plenary Assembly of EC convened. Without prejudice, the statutes can only be amended upon proposal of the Executive Committee or upon written proposal of more than one-third of full members. The amendment will be passed by the Executive Committee by two thirds majority.

Article 15

The delegates of each national member organisation are under the obligation:

- a) To objectively and without delay inform the specialists in their countries of the activities and decisions of the SPF and,

- b) To send to the Secretary General at least once every year, a written summary about the development of the psychiatrists' professional situation in their country.

Article 16

Budget and Accounts:

- a) The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31st December.
- b) The funds of the SPF arise from the annual subscriptions of its members and from any other source approved by the EC, the amount and distribution of which are fixed each year by the Executive Committee. Contribution by each country depends upon the number of the registered members on the register of each member organization
- c) The Treasurer is required to submit the accounts for the closing financial year and the draft budget for the upcoming financial year to the EC for approval. The Treasurer and the auditors shall make their reports.

Article 17

The official language

The official languages used by the SPF for official communications and papers that it publishes shall be English.

Article 18

The dissolution of the SPF

The dissolution of the SPF can be proposed by the Executive Committee, or upon written request, by more than a third of the full members of the SPF.

It may only be announced by the Extraordinary Plenary Assembly of the Executive Committee convened specially for this purpose and will be conditional upon approval by two-thirds majority of full member countries.

Article 19

Duties, Powers and Terms of Office-bearers:

a) The President:

- The president shall hold office for two years and shall not be eligible for re-election.
- He shall have a casting vote in case of equality of votes in addition to his own ordinary vote.
- He shall regulate the proceedings of the meetings and conferences and interpret rules and regulations and decide doubtful points at issue.
- He shall preserve the order and shall decide on all points of order at or in connection with the meeting. There shall be no discussion on any point of order and the decision of the President shall be final.
- He shall be consulted on all-important matters concerning the affairs of the Society.
- He shall be the leader of any delegation of which he is a member.
- He will preside over all the meetings and Plenary Assemblies;
- He will represent SPF in relations with third parties, in conformity of the Statutes.

b) President-elect (Vice-President):

- He shall hold office for two years.
- He shall preside at all meetings in the absence of President and shall have all the powers of the President on that occasion.

c) The Secretary General

- Shall be in charge of the office of the SPF.

- Shall have general supervision of the accounts, pass all bills for payment.
- Shall get prepared by the Hony. Treasurer a fully audited annual statement of accounts for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- Shall organize, arrange and convene meetings, conferences, lecture and demonstrations etc.,
- Shall attend meetings of the Federation and keep proceedings thereof.
- Shall bring any matter, which he considers necessary in the interest of the Federation to the notice of the Executive Committee for guidance and decision.
- When retiring shall hand over the properties, books etc. to the newly elected Secretary General.
- to keep the archives;
- to keep the minutes of every meeting.

d) The Joint Secretary

- Shall assist the Secretary General in the activities of the SPF.

e) The Treasurer

- Shall be responsible for collection of subscriptions and donations from members and well-wishers of the Federation.
- Shall sign the receipts and prepare statement of receipt and expenditure of the Federation duly audited by an auditor each year and shall present the same and the Balance Sheet at the Annual General Meeting.
- to send out the requests for payment of subscription and to ensure their payment within the time required to balance the budget;
- **to control expenditure and to establish an annual balance sheet to be submitted for the approval of the Plenary Assembly.**

f) The Editor

- The Editor shall be responsible for publication of the journal of the federation.
- He shall be the Chairman of the Editorial Board and the journal committee. The Council in consultation with the Editor shall elect members of the Editorial Board.
- He shall present his annual reports at the Annual Meeting of the Society
- He shall submit, an audited statement of accounts to the Hony. Treasurer before 30th, November every year.

Article 20

Plenary Assembly of EC

The Plenary Assembly of the EC consists of Executive Committee members as defined. The Assembly shall make valid decisions, insofar as majority of members are present or represented.

Article 21

Voting Procedure

Decisions are taken by two thirds majority of validly expressed votes, except for contrary provisions in the Statutes.

Article 22

Voting rights

Each national delegation has its vote cast by the head of the delegation or his alternate, appointed as such by national organization. In the case of a head of delegation becoming indisposed during a meeting, the second national delegate assumes these functions with the authorization of the President, advised by the General Secretary, duly informed.

Article 23

Loss of Membership Status

Full member or associate member organizations who wish to give up the status of membership must give notice to the Executive Committee of their intention at least six months before the end of the financial year and the question will be put before the executive committee. Such organizations will continue to be liable for the payment of their subscription up until the end of the financial year during which they withdraw. The financial year coincides with the calendar year.

Article 24

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is composed of the delegates of Member Societies and meets every year or every two years.

The value of votes of each member country shall be proportional to its membership strength as per WPA norms.

A Plenary session of the General Assembly may be held during every annual conference.

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee or at the request of two of the Member Societies.

Article 25

Annual Conference

An Annual Conference of the Federation shall be organised every year or once every two years under the auspices of the federation at a suitable place and time to be decided by the EC.

The General Secretary of Federation shall be responsible for

- 1- Fixing the dates.
- 2- To negotiate with members countries desirous of inviting the Annual Conference at different places.
- 3- Informing all the members of dates of the meetings.
- 4- Inviting delegates from International Psychiatric Associations
- 5- To convene a General Assembly during the conference.

Venue of the conference will be on a rotational basis among the member countries

Reception Committee

- 1- The country inviting the conference shall form Reception Committee of the conference.
- 2- Office-bearers of the Reception Committee shall be elected by the Members of the Reception Committee.
- 3- The Reception Committee shall determine the registration fee at the Annual Conference in consultation with the Council.

The Conference shall be open to the following:

- a) All members of the Reception Committee.
- b) All members of the society.
- c) Any other person authorised by the Reception Committee to be present on the occasion.

The Reception Committee shall be responsible for:-

- a) Making arrangements for suitable accommodation and food for delegates (on payment).
- b) Arrangement for the plenary and scientific sessions.
- c) Printing of brochure and programme in consultation with the General Secretary of the federation.
- d) Arranging for a suitable dignitary (in consultation with the General Secretary of the Society) to inaugurate the plenary session.

- e) Arranging for social and cultural functions and sight seeing.
- f) Raising funds for the conference through registration fees, grants, donations, advertisements etc.

The expenses of the Conference shall be wholly borne by the Reception Committee. All members attending the Conference, except Members of the Reception Committee and the President and Secretary General of the Society, shall pay a registration fee to the reception committee.

(Adopted at the Special SAARC Psychiatric Federation Session held at Chandigarh on 30th January , 2005)

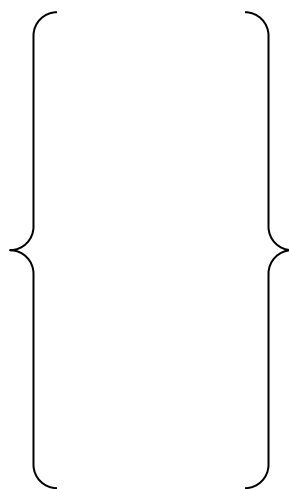
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SAARC Psychiatric Federation: A Brief History

South Asia region represents eight countries- Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives- which are members of South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC). Most of the people in these countries share a common cultural and political heritage. It was this recognition at the political level which led to the establishment of SAARC when its Charter was adopted on December 8, 1985.

SAARC is an organization that provides a platform for the people of South Asia to work together in a spirit of friendship, trust and understanding. It accelerates the process of economic and social development in Member States. It also encourages cooperation in agriculture, rural development, science and technology, culture, health, population control, narcotics control and anti-terrorism. The SAARC Secretariat is supported by Regional Centers established in Member Countries for promoting regional cooperation. The countries in this region are developing nations with limited resources especially in health sector. Mental Health in particular, is not a priority area in many of these countries. Limited number of professionals, escalating health care costs and cost of drugs in addition to non availability of mental health policies are some of the major obstacle in this region.

Such issues in the mental health sectors have always made it necessary for South Asian nations to have a joint dialogue on development & formulating a uniform mental health policy which identifies major issues and objectives, defines the role of public and private sector, providing guidance for prioritizing expenditure, linking problems with resource allocation, highlighting vulnerable groups with special mental health needs like children, the elderly, the women , refugees and displaced persons, caring individuals at risk (with depression, schizophrenia, substance abuse etc.), bringing forth alcohol and drug policies, ensuring respect for human rights, and involving NGOs, consumer groups, mass media and all other stake holders.

Mental health professionals working in the region were fully aware of these issues and always thought of having co-operation in mental health in Asia in general and in South Asian countries in particular. This certainly remained a dream of our predecessors for the last many decades. An opportunity came at the inauguration of GAMHA (Group for the Advancement of Mental Health in Asia) on January 21, 1978 at New Delhi that was held during the Annual Conference of Indian Psychiatric Society & the Regional Conference of World Psychiatric Association & World Federation for Mental Health that provided an important landmark of major significance in this regard. It was the first time in history that leaders of mental health in sixteen countries in Asia declared to initiate an organized effort to promote mental health in their own countries. JS Neki, NN Wig, Col Kirpal Singh, RL Kapur & KC Dube (India), Zarabi & Davidian (Iran),

Rashid Chaudhry (Pakistan), NMK Chaudhury (Bangladesh) and many other notable Asian psychiatrists who were present at this meeting led this initiative. It may be noted that the participation of Prof Rashid Chaudhury from Pakistan at this Indian meeting was the first such instance in seventeen years among the two countries. In a way, this brought nations closer between these two countries and JS Neki soon travelled to Pakistan in return to attend the annual conference of Pakistan Psychiatric Society and Prof Wig in his role as WHO Regional Advisor also made further trips to Pakistan and advocated for more cooperation and strengthening of relationships among the professionals across borders.

But despite this good beginning, efforts to form an Asian or South Asian Federation did not bear fruit. While South Asia dithered, the eleven nations of South East Asia formed federation for ASEAN (Association for South East Asian Nations) and decided to strengthen mutual co-operation in the field of mental health by establishing Asean Federation for Psychiatry & Mental Health (AFMH). This initiative which was led by Prof R Kusumanto Setyenegoro & and others from that region worked very well for the coming years.

The AFMPH success again inspired the initial work for mutual cooperation among South Asian countries. While Pakistan Psychiatric Research Centre & Fountain House, Lahore, Pakistan organised an international seminar on schizophrenia in 1998, this witnessed the revival of interest for joint and future working in this part of the region. At this seminar a committee was formed with Prof Nalaka Mendis (Sri Lanka), Afzal Javed (Pakistan) & Prof NN Wig (India) as members who took a lead & restarted the work for setting up a group in the region. Further discussions took place at a WHO sponsored meeting in Colombo in 2001 and a plan of action was prepared by this committee. It was in this perspective that a suggestion was made to have a formal meeting of Asian psychiatrists during the 2003 International Conference of Psychiatry organized by the South Asian Forum on Mental Health (a South Asian group that was formed by the overseas Psychiatrists from Asian origin) to deliberate on this issue. Afzal Javed who was the founder of South Asian Forum (SAF) was the main moving spirit behind this landmark initiative. This meeting proved very fruitful and it was decided to continue having further discussions for establishing a formal group at Lahore on the occasion of a WPA Regional & Inter Zonal Meeting that was planned to be held in 2004 with Afzal Javed & Haroon Rashid Chaudhry as the main organisers.

This is how our long standing dream became a reality and representatives of the Psychiatric Societies of South Asian countries while meeting at Lahore on **19 Sept, 2004** formed the **SAARC Psychiatric Federation (SPF)**. This historic meeting was jointly chaired by Prof JK Trivedi, President, Indian Psychiatric Society and Prof Khalid A Mufti, past President of Pakistan Psychiatric Society, Afzal Javed, Haroon Rashid Chaudhry and Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, Secretary General of IPS. WPA office bearers participated as observer and gave valuable suggestions along with an active input from many senior psychiatrists who attended this special meeting from Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Prof Abdul Malik (Pakistan) was elected as the President and as the Secretary General with Afzal Javed and Nalaka Mendis as advisors, besides other office-bearers for this newly formed federation. It was decided to draft the constitution and circulate to all member societies for their suggestions and approval. It was also decided to affiliate the Federation to WPA and to build up partnership in South Asia in research, community care, training programmes, exchange of Faculty and Trainees, publication of data, health education and other related academic & clinical fields

Following this historic SPF launch meeting at Lahore, a special SAARC Psychiatric Federation Session was held at Chandigarh (India) on **30 January 2005**, during annual national conference of Indian Psychiatric Society (ANCIPS 2005) in which JK Trivedi presented the Statutes of SPF for approval. Prof Abdul Malik, President SPF was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function of ANCIPS along with Afzal Javed, Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhry and representatives from Sri Lanka & Bangladesh.

Indian Psychiatric Society continued playing a pivotal role in strengthening SPF in particular its presidents including Prof J K Trivedi, Prof Nambi & Prof Ghosh & all its office bearers along with other national psychiatric associations from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.

As per decisions at Chandigarh meeting, It was decided to continue holding future meetings preferably along with national association meetings. Hence the First International Conference of SPF, indeed a landmark in the history of SPF, was held at Agra from 2-4, December 2005. Names of Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil who was the Secretary General of IPS & Dr UC Garg (India) require a special mention for their important role in the organising of this first formal conference of SPF in Agra along with Prof Mahendra Nepal (Nepal), Prof AKM Nazimuddin Chowdhury (Bangladesh) and Prof Chenchu Dorji (Bhutan) who provided an outstanding support during the initial and preliminary stages of the formation of SAARC Psychiatric Federation (SPF). Of course the continuous support from the national psychiatric associations from SAARAC countries also made it possible in keeping the secretariat & members societies of SPF active, vibrant and lively.

The success of 1st Conference at Agra led to the organisation of Second international conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation at Kathmandu, Nepal on November 17-19, 2006 followed by [3rd](#) SPF at [Colombo](#) from 2-4 November 2007, 4th SPF conference at Dhaka, Bangladesh on 1-3 November, 2008, 5th SPF conference at Lahore, Pakistan on 25-27, March 2011, 6th SPF conferences on 16-18 October 2011 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 7th SPF in Mysore, India on 29th Nov 2013 & now the 8th SPF conference is being held in Lumbini, Nepal from 27-29 November, 2105.

Although SAARC Psychiatric Federation is still in its infancy but there has been a number of initiatives that have been started in the region from the SPF platform focusing on developing the mutual interest and joint collaborations in different regional countries. It is hoped that there will be more discussions at our next meetings regarding joint working in different areas of mental health.

Some of the projects that have seen collaborations in different countries include:

- Focusing attention on the current inadequacies in mental health delivery in South Asia region.
- Suggesting a suitable action plan for the future, in a cost effective manner, suitable to developing nations.
- Planning for unified mental health policy in the region
- Reviewing programmes of training undergraduate medical students in Psychiatry
- Training more number of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and mental health nurses
- Empowering patients and their carers & families in the treatment programmes and ensuring practices based on human rights and equal opportunities

SAARC Psychiatric Federation Formed

SAARC is South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation with eight member countries: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Afganistan and Maldives. To form a Federation of Psychiatric Societies of this region has been a cherished wish of psychiatrists of this region and efforts were on since 1997.

Representatives of the Psychiatric Societies of South Asian countries met at Hotel Pearl Continental, Lahore on 19 Sept,2004 during the WPA Regional and Inter Zonal Meeting and has formed the SAARC PSYCHIATRIC FEDERATION. This historic meeting was jointly chaired by Prof JK Trivedi, President, Indian Psychiatric Society and Prof Khalid A Mufti, Pakistan and Chairman of the Organising Committee. Prof George Christodoulou, Secretary, Sections of WPA participated as observer and gave valuable suggestions.

The following have been elected as the office-bearers:

President: Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai, Quetta, Pakistan
Vice-Presidents: Dr Nalaka Mendis, Colombo and Prof MA Sobhan, Dhaka
Secretary-General: Dr Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, India
Joint- Secretary: Dr Dorgi Chenko, Bhutan
Chairman, Constitution Committee: Prof JK Trivedi, India

Executive Committee: B Karunatilake and Rajeev Wijesundera (Sri Lanka)

Rezaul Karim and AHM Firoz (Bangladesh)

Presidents and Secretaries of all member country

Psychiatric Societies

Advisors: Dr Afzal Javed (UK), Prof Mohan Issac(India) and Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhury(Pakistan)

Minute of First Meeting

The following decisions were taken:

1. To draft the constitution and circulate to all member societies for their suggestions and views. JK Trivedi is entrusted to do this in a period of three months.
2. Indian Psychiatric Society invited all member Societies for the SAARC Session at Chandigarh Annual conference Jan 29-Feb1, 2005. The constitution may be approved at this meeting, if possible.
3. To affiliate the Federation to WPA.
4. To hold the SAARC Psychiatric Federation Annual Conference at Agra, India in November 2005.
5. To build up partnership in South Asia in research, organizing community care, training programmes, exchange of Faculty and Trainees, publication of data, health education etc.

SAARC Psychiatric Federation has been formally affiliated to WPA on 12 Sept 2005 during the Cairo World Congress.

First Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation

First Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation was held at Agra, India, 2-4 December, 2005 under the able leadership of UC Garg and it was a resounding success. It was co-sponsored by WPA and the conference was formally inaugurated by WPA President Prof Juan Mezzich.

First Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation, Agra: A Grand Success

We are very happy to report, the First Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation, Agra 2-4 Dec 2005 was a grand success. Number of attendees- 340. The countries represented include India, Pakistan (with 37 delegates), Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Australia, UK, USA, Greece and Canada. The CME Programme was inaugurated by Prof NN Wig on 2nd Dec. WPA President Prof Juan E Mezzich was the Chief Guest and he inaugurated the Conference at Hotel Mughal Sheraton on 3rd December, which was presided by Prof Abdul Malik, President SPF. S Nambi (President IPS) welcomed the gathering and Sec General, SPF read the report. Sri. Ramjilal Suman M.P., WPA Representatives-JK

Trivedi, Haroon Rashid Choudhry (Pakistan), Bruce Singh(Australia) and others spoke.

Symposia on Mental Health Legislation in South Asia, Disaster management, Dementia, Mental health mapping, Media and Mental Health, a Panel Discussion on Religion on Psychotherapy led by Prof RL Kapur, Special SAARC Session, Guest Lectures, Special Lectures, Free papers, poster sessions and cultural programmes, visit to Agra Mental Hospital and the famed Taj Mahal were some of the highlights. We place on record our deepest appreciation to UC Garg, Organising Secretary and his dedicated team who worked meticulously and tirelessly for the success of this International event.

Positive outcomes of the Scientific Meeting: This was the biggest gathering of psychiatrists from South Asian countries till today. 90% of the delegates were from SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation) countries- who share a common cultural, political and religious heritage. This meeting has strengthened this relationship and opened up further vistas. It is worthwhile to note, this conference was co-sponsored by WPA and 18 WPA CME Credits were awarded to the delegates. We are thankful to Prof Pedro Ruiz and Prof Allan Tasman for their help and support in this regard. And our heartfelt thanks to all the delegates who attended this conference to make it a remarkable success

The new Executive Committee of SPF consists of the following members:

- President- Dr Indla Ramasubba Reddy
 - Vice-President- Prof A H Mohammad Firoz
 - Secretary General- Dr VD Sharma
 - Joint Secretary- Harischandra Gambheera
 - Editor- Prof JK Trivedi
 - Treasurer- Dr UC Garg
 - Founder President - Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai
 - Founder Secretary General-Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
 - Executive Committee- Presidents and Secretarys of the member Societies of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
 - Advisors- Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhury, Prof JK Trivedi and Dr Afzal Javed.
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Our 2nd International Conference was held at Kathmandu, Nepal on 17-19 November, 2006. The details are as follows:

Second International Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation

Place: Kathmandu, Nepal

Date: November 17-19 , 2006

Organizer: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
Psychiatric Federation

Collaboration: Psychiatrists' Association of Nepal (PAN)

SAARC Conference Kathmandu: A Big Success

Dear Colleagues,

The 2nd International Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation held at Kathmandu 17-19 Nov, 2006 was a big success. It was inaugurated by the Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal Mr KP Sharma Oli. Prof Juan E Mezzich, President WPA was the Guest of Honour and he delivered the keynote address. Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai, President SPF presided and Ghosh Roy, Secretary presented the report. Guest Lectures, Special Lectures, Symposia, Free paper sessions and posters were the scientific highlights. This conference- co sponsored by WPA- was also marked by four important WPA Panel Meetings- on Ethics, Disasters, Developing Countries and Institutional Program of Psychiatry for the Person. The Conf theme " Social Conflict & Mental Health:Challenges for Psychiatrists " and was most appropriate.

The CME sessions were highly informative, interactive and useful. We are thankful to Prof Allan Tasman, Secretary for Education WPA for granting 15 WPA CME Credits for conference. Nearly 300 delegates and accompanying persons including 70 delegates from India, 50 delegates from Pakistan and delegates from other SAARC countries- Sri Lanka, Bangla Desh, Bhutan and Maldives, besides a sizable number from the host country Nepal and others from several countries made the conference lively and meaningful.

Prof George Christodoulou, Chairman, WPA Ethics Committee and Valery Krasnov, President Russian Psychiatric Association were among the speakers. JK Trivedi, Afzal Javed and Roy Abraham were honoured by the Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal for their contribution to SPF during the inaugural meeting.

The organising committee led by Mahendra Nepal, VD Sharma and their dedicated team made the event truly memorable. This was the first International Psychiatry conference held in Nepal and it turned out to be historical by their commitment and hard work. Our heartiest congratulations to the Org Committee for this remarkable achievement. We are especially grateful to WPA President Prof Juan E Mezzich who participated in the entire conference and guided us at every step. The 2007 Conference will be held in Colombo and the 2008 conf will be in Dhaka.

The new Executive Committee of SPF consists of the following members:

- President- Dr Indla Ramasubba Reddy
- Vice-President- Prof A H Mohammad Firoz
- Secretary General- Dr VD Sharma
- Joint Secretary- Harischandra Gambheera
- Editor- Prof JK Trivedi
- Treasurer- Dr UC Garg
- Founder President - Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai
- Founder Secretary General-Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
- Executive Committee- Presidents and Secretarys of the member Societies of Bangaldesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Advisors- Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhury, Prof JK Trivedi and Dr Afzal Javed.

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation at Kathmandu

The 4th Meeting of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation was held at Kathmandu on 17th Nov, 2006, at Godavari Hall of Hyatt Regency.

The following members were present 1. Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai, (president) Pakistan; 2. Dr. R B Ghosh Roy, Secretary General) India; 3. Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, India; 4. Dr Afzal Javed, Pakistan; 5. Prof JK Trivedi, India; 6. Prof. Mahendra Nepal, Nepal; 7. Dr. Kapil Dev Upadhyaya, Nepal; 8. Prof. A K M N Chowdhury, Bangladesh; 9. Dr Harischandra Gambheera, Sri Lanka; 10. Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhury, Pakistan; 11. Dr. Naba Raj Koirala, Nepal; 12. Dr. Vidya Dev Sharma, Nepal; 13. Dr UC Garg, India; 14. Prof AB Ghosh, India.

Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai, chaired the meeting. The minutes of the third meeting at agra was read out by the secretary and was approved. Representatives of the member countries presented their activity report of the respective countries. A new executive committee was formed by mutual consent after a lot of discussions. It was to be announced in the valedictory function of the conference to be held on 19 Nov. 2006, in the presence of WPA President Prof Juan E Mezzich who was to be the Chief Guest of that function. The composition of the new executive committee is as follows: (some of the names were yet to be decided upon by the respective countries).

The new Executive Committee of SPF consists of the following members:

- President- Prof AB Ghosh (India)
- Vice-President- from Bangladesh
- Secretary General- Dr VD Sharma (Nepal)
- Joint Secretary- from Sri Lanka
- Editor- Prof JK Trivedi (India)
- Treasurer- Dr UC Garg (India)
- Founder President - Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai (Pakistan)
- Founder Secretary General-Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil (India)
- Executive Committee- Presidents and Secretaries of the member Societies of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Advisors- Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhury, Prof JK Trivedi and Dr Afzal Javed.

The following decisions were taken:

1. The next meeting/ conference in 2007 was invited to Colombo by Dr Harischandra Gambheera, President, Sri Lankan College of Psychiatrists and agreed upon.
2. The following conference of 2008 was invited to Bangladesh and agreed upon.
3. Special efforts were to be made by member countries to ratify the constitution by their respective countries.
4. Efforts were to be made to officially register SPF in the SAARC secretariat.
5. It was unanimously accepted that the Founder President and Secretary General of SPF shall be made members of SPF EC (Executive Committee) for 6 years (3 terms).
6. The possible rotation of office bearers for the coming years were discussed and decided as follows.

Year	President	Vice president	Secretary General
2007 – 2008	India	Bangladesh	Nepal
2009 – 2010	Sri Lanka	Bhutan	Pakistan
2011 – 2012	Bangladesh	Maldives	Sri Lanka
2013 - 2014	Bhutan	Nepal	Bangladesh

President Ghosh may be contacted on email drasitghosh@rediffmail.com and Secretary VD Sharma on vdsharma@healthnet.org.np (17th Nov, 2006)

Proposed agreed list of office bearers during 2nd SPF conference, Katmandu, Nov 2006

Year	President	Vice president	Secretary General
2005-2007	Pakistan Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai		India Dr Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
2007 – 2008	India Prof AB Ghosh	Bangladesh	Nepal Dr VD Sharma
2009 – 2010	Sri Lanka Dr Harischandra Gambheera	Bhutan	Pakistan Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhry Prof Rizwan Taj
2011 – 2012	Bangladesh Prof Golam Rabbani	Maldives	Sri Lanka Dr. Sheenhan Williams
2013 - 2014	Nepal Prof. VD Sharma	India	Bangladesh Prof Md Waziul Aslam Chawdhury
2015-2016	Pakistan Prof S M Sultan	India Prof. TV Asokan	Bangladesh Prof Md Waziul Aslam Chawdhury
2017-2018	India	Sri Lanka	Nepal
2019-2020	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh	Pakistan
2021-2022	Bangladesh	Nepal	India
2023-2024	Nepal	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
2025-26	Pakistan	India	Bangladesh

Fifth International Conference of SPF, Lahore, 2011

The 5th International SAARC Psychiatric meeting was held in Lahore Pakistan on 26th of March 2011.

Present were

- Dr. Harish Ghambeera (SL) (Chair)
- Prof. Rizwan Taj (President Pakistan Psychiatric Society & outgoing General Secretary SAARC Psychiatric Federation)
- Prof Aziz ur Rehman (Pakistan)
- Prof Shah Alam (BD)
- Dr.Usha Gunawardhana(SL)
- Dr Afzal Javed (Pakistan / UK)
- Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai (Pakistan)
- Dr. Sheenhan Williams(SL)
- Dr Gholamreza Hajati **Iran** Psychiatric Association (Iran)(invited observer)

Dr Harish Ghambera thanked all the committee members and congratulated the local organisers and Pakistan psychiatry society for organising 5th SPF Conference in Lahore.

Dr Afzal Javed briefed the participants about the previous meeting held at Dhaka. In the present meeting it was pointed out that in the 2nd International SPF meeting held at Kathmandu, Nepal 17-19th Nov 2006, following schedule was charted out about the posts of president & General Secretary which was to be followed.

Year	President	Vice president	Secretary General
2007 – 2008	India	Bangladesh	Nepal
2009 – 2010	Sri Lanka	Bhutan	Pakistan
2011 – 2012	Bangladesh	Maldives	Sri Lanka
2013 - 2014	Bhutan	Nepal	Bangladesh

As per that schedule, for the year 2011-12 the presidency should be taken over by Bangladesh and the General Secretary by Sri Lanka.

The member Countries Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will nominate their respective president and general secretary.

Dr Sheeheen William was nominated as secretary general SPF from the Sri Lanka side and Dr Shah Alam said that he will pass on this information to Bangladesh and they will inform about the name of the next SPF President.

Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai proposed the expansion of SPF Executive Committee / Board including the previous presidents along with the founder keep members (Prof Trivedi, Prof Roy Abraham, Dr Afzal Javed and Prof Nalaka Mendis). He also suggested that the outgoing President and Secretary General be taken as members of the Executive Committee automatically as ex-officio for facilitation of new Cabinet. This was approved unanimously.

Prof. Abdul Malik Achakzai also suggested sending copies of the constitution to member countries so that the constitution is ratified in their respective national society. A copy of the constitution can be obtained from Dr.J.K.Trivedi.

Dr Shah Alam (BL) informed that a SAARC Psychiatric Federation session will be held in the Bangladesh Psychiatric Society Conference to be held in October 2011 in Bangladesh. In this October 2011 conference, we should take up the issue of ratification of the constitution.

Further it was agreed to register the federation at the SAARC Secretariat at Kathmandu, as per suggestion of Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai.

The launching of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation Journal (SPFJ) at this

conference was much appreciated and it was agreed that Dr Sheehan, continues as its editor and Dr Harish Gambeera as sub-editor, for the next four years.

Dr Afzal Javed pointed out about some mails in circulation about the organisation of this meeting. Referring to rumours generated from various quarters, it was confirmed by all the members present that this meeting was held in respect for (late) Prof Haroon Rashid Chaudhry's wishes and commitment who wanted this meeting to be organised in Pakistan and not for any other reason. Similarly the SPF president was fully involved in the organisation of Lahore meeting and the organisers of Lahore meeting had the support from all member societies.

The next SAARC Psychiatric Federation executive committee meeting is scheduled to be held in Bangladesh later this year.

Prof		Rizwan		Taj
President,			Psychiatric	Society,
Secretary	General,	SAARC	Psychiatric	Federation

Minutes of the Informal Meeting of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation at Lahore

An informal meeting of SPF was held on 18th Feb, 2007, at the request of the present President of IPS, Dr. IRS Reddy at the conference Venue of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, during the Lahore conference in reference of the next meeting of SPF at Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The following members were present

Prof. Haroon Rashid Chaudhury, Pakistan;
Dr Harischandra Gambheera, Sri Lanka;
Dr. Jayan Mendis, Sri Lanka
Dr. I R S Reddy, India
Dr. S Nambi, India
Prof. A K M N Chowdhury, Bangladesh
Dr. A H M Musifizur Rahman, Bangladesh
Dr. Naba Raj Koirala, Nepal
Dr. Vidya Dev Sharma, Nepal

The following agenda was discussed upon:

- The probable dates of the Colombo meeting was set for 2,3,4th of Nov, 2007.
- The official organizing secretary for the meeting has not been finalized yet, the host country would finalize it in around a month's time.

- The possible theme for the meeting was discussed. Some of the suggestions made were 'women mental health' and 'something on suicide'. The host country was given the liberty to decide after their own thoughts. It was to be finalized by the end of one month.
- The possible registration fee structure was also discussed. The suggestion made was to make it \$100 for SAARC countries and \$150 for non-SAARC countries. The host country was given the liberty to decide after their own thoughts.
- It was decided that the major part of the information dissemination would be via the electronic media, and the printed brochures would be disseminated by the local bodies in their specific countries.
- It was decided to request all the member countries to ratify the constitution of SPF in the local countries so that the SPF could be registered in as an official SAARC body.
- It was also decided to get information about inclusion of Afghanistan in the SAARC group from the SAARC secretariat.

Dr. Vidya Dev Sharma
Secretary General
SPF, 24th Feb, 2007

Minutes of the 5th Ex Com Meeting of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation at Goa

A formal meeting of SPF was held on 4th Aug, 2007, at the request of the present President of IPS, Dr. IRS Reddy at the conference Venue in Goa.

The following were present

Dr. I R S Reddy, India
Prof. Haroon Rashid Chaudhury, Pakistan;
Dr Harischandra Gambheera, Sri Lanka;
Dr. Jayan Mendis, Sri Lanka
Dr. S Nambi, India
Prof. A K M N Chowdhury, Bangladesh
Dr. A H M Musifzur Rahman, Bangladesh
Dr. Naba Raj Koirala, Nepal
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Dr. Vidya Dev Sharma
Secretary General
SPF, 4th Aug, 2007

Minutes of the 6th Ex Com Meeting of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation at Sri Lanka

A formal meeting of SPF was held on 3rd Nov, 2007, at Tangerine Beach Hotel, Kalutara, Sri Lanka, the official venue of the Third International conference of SPF. It was chaired by the President of SPF, Dr. IRS Reddy.

The following were present

- Dr Indla Ramasubba Reddy, India
- Dr. JK Trivedi, India
- Dr. U C Gerg, India
- Dr. Govind Bang, India (special invitee)
- Harischandra Gambheera, Sri Lanka
- Dr. J Mendis, Sri Lanka
- Prof. Md. Abdus Sobhan, Bangladesh
- Dr. N R Koirala, Nepal
- Dr. V D Sharma, Nepal

The following agenda was discussed upon:

- The minutes of the Goa Conference was read out and formally accepted.
- It was decided that for the time being, that the registration fee and local hospitality would be provided free for the president and Secretary General of SPF for the annual conference. The local organizing committee was free to add to the list if they feel it to be necessary and funds were available.
- It was emphasized that for the SPF Oration, local resources would be used as far as possible. Experts from other countries could be considered in

consultation with the President and Secretary General, if local resources were not available. Once the host country finalized it, it was to be communicated to the President and Sec. Gen

- Basic minimum criteria was to be developed for the Oration. Sub committee headed by Prof. J K Trivedi with Prof. Sobhan and Prof. Gambheera as members, was formed to work out the draft within 3 months.
- Prof Sobhan suggested 3rd or 4th week of Dec, 2008 for the next conference at Dhaka with view of the political situation and the planned general election of Bangladesh. It was suggested to look into the possibility of shifting to early Dec or late Nov. The decision was to be made by Jan 31, 2008.
- Efforts were to be made to have another EC meeting during the Calcutta conference of IPS, possibly on the 4th of Jan, 2008.
- It was decided to put on record that the organizing committee of Sri Lanka conference be applauded for the excellent hospitality extended to all the delegates, the smooth running of the particular sessions, initiation of the SPF Oration and the initiation of Young Psychiatrist session from this conference.
- The process of registering SPF as an official SAARC body, which had not materialized yet was to be pursued.

Dr. Vidya Dev Sharma

Secretary General, SPF, 14th Nov, 2007

Minutes of the 7th Ex Com Meeting of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation at Kolkota

- A formal meeting of SPF was held on 4th Jan, 2008, at Science City, Kolkota, India, the official venue of the IPS conference. It was chaired by Harischandra Gambheera, in absence of the President of SPF, Dr. IRS Reddy.

The following were present

- Dr. Harischandra Gambheera, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil
- Dr. JK Trivedi, India
- Dr. Govind Bang, India
- Dr. Kapil Dev Upadhaya
- Dr. U C Gerg, India
- Dr. N R Koirala, Nepal
- Dr. R Gosh Roy (India)
- Dr. V D Sharma, Nepal

In absence of the President, Dr. Harischandra Gambheera, was requested to preside over the meeting which was accepted by him.

The following agenda was discussed upon:

- The minutes of the Sri Lanka meeting was read out and formally accepted.
- In respect to the upcoming Dhaka Conference, it was decided to request Dhaka to hold at least 2 full days of scientific sessions with inauguration in the evening.
- The Meeting decided to give a go-ahead to start the SPF Journal
- In regards to the formal registration process of SPF in SAARC, it was decided to accelerate the process of formally endorsing the constitution my member countries so that the process could go-ahead.
- The criteria for SAARC Oration Award was accepted and forwarded to Bangladesh.

Dr. Vidya Dev Sharma
Secretary General, SPF, 10th Jan, 2008

Sixth SPF Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Election of Executive Members on Nov 3, 2012 at Colombo, Srilanka

On Nov 3, 2012, the following new office-bearers of SPF were elected at Colombo and they have assumed office:

- President (from Nepal- to be elected)
- Vice- President- Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil (India)
- Secretary General- Prof Rizwan Taj (Pakistan)
- Editor- Dr Shehan Williams (Srilanka)
- Treasurer- Dr Mustafizur Rahman (Bangladesh)
- Executive Committee -Presidents and Secretaries of all 7 members societies
- Permanent Invitees- Prof Abdul Malik (Founder President) and Roy Kallivayalil (Founder Secretary General)
- Advisors: Prof George Christodoulou (Greece), Dr Afzal Javed (Secretary for Sections- WPA) and Prof JK Trivedi (India)

It was decided, **the next SPF Conference will be held at Mysore on Nov 1-3, 2013.** Indian Psychiatric Society has invited the meeting and has appointed Prof TSS Rao (Editor, Indian J Psych) tssrao19@yahoo.com as the Org Secretary.

Seventh SPF Conference, Mysore, India

Minutes of the SPF – Executive Committee Meeting held on 30/11/2013 in Mysore, India.

Attendance:

Dr D.V.D.Sharma – Nepal
Dr Roy A Kallivayalil – India
Dr Harischandra Gambheera – Sri Lanka
Dr I. Reddy – India
Dr A.H.M. Mustafizu Rahman – Bangladesh
Dr Shah Alam – Bangladesh
Dr Indira Sharma – India
Dr Asim Mallick - Pakistan
Dr Nimal Lamichhane – Nepal
Dr Naba Raj Koirala – Nepal
Dr T.S.Sathyanarayana Rao – India
Dr Shehan Williams – Sri Lanka

1. Dr Sharma- President SPF, convened the meeting and congratulated Dr Rao and the team in India for an extremely successful conference. The committee members extended their appreciation of the organisation, academic programme and hospitality in Mysore.

2. The finalisation of the SPF constitution was discussed. Dr Indira Sharma, President IPS, agreed to present the draft to the IPS executive members for approval. Their suggestions will be forwarded to the next meeting. Dr Gambheera said that the other SAARC countries had agreed on the draft constitution. Once it is finalised it will be submitted to the SAARC secretariat for registration.

3. The 8th Conference of SPF in 2015 was awarded to Nepal and the venue was decided as Lumbini. The committee thanked Nepal for accepting it. From its inception the host countries have been :

1. Agra, India
2. Kathmandu, Nepal
3. Kalutara, Sri Lanka
4. Dacca, Bangladesh
5. Lahore, Pakistan
6. Colombo, Sri Lanka
7. Mysore, India
8. Lumbini, Nepal.

4. As per the constitution, the President's period expires in one year and the next presidency was offered to Pakistan, who would notify their nomination in due course. Dr Indira Sharma was appointed interim President. The secretary was from Bangladesh and the treasurer from Nepal. The finalised committee was thus –

- ☐ President- Prof Syed Mohammad Sultan (Pakistan)
- ☐ Vice- President - Prof T.V. Asokan (India)
- ☐ Secretary General- Prof Md Waziul Aslam Chawdhury (Bangladesh)

- Editor- Dr Shehan Williams (Srilanka)
- Treasurer- to be elected from Nepal
- Acting Treasurer- Dr Mustafizur Rahman (Bangladesh)
- Executive Committee -Presidents and Secretaries of all 7 members societies
- Permanent Invitees- Prof Abdul Malik (Founder President) and Roy Kallivayalil(Founder Secretary General)

5. The Committee members observed two minutes silence in memory of one of our founders and friend –

Dr J.K.Trivedi who was one of the pillars of SPF.

The meeting concluded with appreciation of all the out-going office bearers.

Signed – Dr Shehan Williams

Eight SAARC Psychiatric Federation International Conference, Lumbini 2014: A Report

The 8th International Conference of SAARC Psychiatric Federation was held at Lumbini from 27-29th Nov 2014 with the theme “Global Peace: To Nurture a Healthy Mind”

The conference was organized by Psychiatrists’ Association of Nepal in collaboration with Nepalese Association of Social Psychiatry. The conference was Co-Sponsored by WPA, WASP, WAPR, UCMS, ANBD, AFPA.

World Psychiatric Association and Nepal Medical Association had granted 15 credit hours for the academic programme of the conference.

The event was held in Lumbini Hokke Hotel and was inaugurated jointly by Prof S.M. Sultan (SPF President), Mr B. k. Panthi (Chief District Officer, Rupandehi) and Mr. Vivekanand (Buddhist Scholar). The chief guest of the conference was Mr B.K. Panthi and Guest of Honour was Vivekanand. Organizing Secretary Dr Sandip Subedi welcomed all the dignitaries participating in the conference during the Opening ceremony.

WPA zone-16 symposium, JK Trivedi Memorial Symposium, Haroon Rashid memorial Symposium, WAPR Symposium, AND Symposium, PAN Symposium were the major highlights of the conference along with other symposiums, workshops, Invited lectures, Free papers, Posters, and cultural programmes.

Jornal Of Psychiatrists’ Association Of Nepal and the abstract book of the conference was also launched during the same programme which was distributed to all the delegates participating in the conference.

Nearly 300 delegates from the SAARC countries and the world representing about 14 countries along with 200 accompanying persons participated in the conference.

Annual General body meeting of the SAARC Psychiatric Federation was also held on the second day of the conference.

Psychiatrists' Association of Nepal took the opportunity to Felicitate the Pioneers behind the formation of SAARC Psychiatric Federation - Prof. Abdul Malik Achakazi (Founder President), Prof. Roy A. Kallivayalil (Founder General Secretary), Prof. U. C. Garg (Founder Treasurer), Prof. Afzal Javed (Advisor) Prof. Mohan Issac (Advisor).

The Conference was concluded by the SPF President Prof. S. M. Sultan. Significant members of the Organizing Committee Dr. Sandip Subedi (Organizing Secretary), Dr. T. K. Aich (Organizing Co-Chairman), Dr. Manoj Dhungana (Treasurer), Dr. Sanjeev Shah (Co-Chair, Hospitality sub-committee) and Dr. Deependra Gautam (IT official) were appreciated for the hard work by the SPF President Prof. S. M. Sultan during the closing ceremony claiming it to be a huge success.

SPF Meeting Minute, Lumbini, Nepal

Date: 28th Nov 2014, Friday

Venue: Karaoke Hall, Hotel Hokke, Lumbini, Nepal

Occasion: 8th SPF International Conference

Meeting of Executive Committee of SAARC Psychiatric Federation under the Chairmanship of Prof SM Sultan, President SPF 2014/16 was held in the gracious presence of the following dignitaries.

Name	Country
Prof . SM Sultan (Chair)	Pakistan
Dr Rajan Sharma	Nepal
General Secretary (IPS), Prof. NN Raju	India
President (PAN), Prof. NR Koirala	Nepal
General Secretary (PAN), Dr. Nirmal Lamichhane	Nepal
General Secretary (PPS), Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Dogar	Pakistan
Prof. Afzal Javed.	Pakistan
Prof. Harischandra Gambheera	Sri Lanka
Dr. UC Garg	India
Dr. Md. Fazlul Bari Mithu	Bangladesh
President Elect (PPS) Dr. M. Naser Sayeed Khan	Pakistan
Dr. Helal Uddin Ahmed, Asst Prof	Bangladesh
Dr. Jayan Mendis	Sri Lanka

Prof. AHM Mustafizur Rahman	Bangladesh
Prof. Mohammad Shah Alam	Bangladesh
Prof. Vidya Dev Sharma	Nepal

Apologies:

Prof Golam Rabbani, President, BAP (Bangladesh)

Prof Samudra T. Kathriarachchi President (SLCP), Sri Lanka

Prof Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, Founder General Secretary (SPF), India

Dr. Ramani, PRO (SLCP), Sri Lanka

Discussions and Important Decisions:

Prof S M Sultan welcomed the members and expresses his thanks and appreciation to Psychiatrist Association of Nepal (PAN) for organising a very successful 8th SPF conference in Nepal.

While describing the objectives of SPF, he emphasised the need for further collaboration among member countries.

He emphasized the importance of getting SPF registered and also to be linked with SAARC secretariat. A resolution was passed and it was decided that Prof Sultan will take this matter further and get this task completed.

He also raised discussion on the possibility of ex-change training program between the member countries and also opined the need to help member countries for the growth of their societies. All agreed to the ideas and decided that they will work hard to achieve the objective of SPF.

Prof Afzal Javed, Advisor SPF commended PAN for successfully hosting the SPF conference for second time. He revealed some of the history of SPF from the inception. He also credited national societies of SAARC countries and especially the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) for their support and contributions towards establishment of SPF. Founder President (SPF) Prof. Abdul Malik Achakzai and Founder General Secretary (SPF) Prof. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil were also remembered. He mentioned that the first SPF conference held in Agra in 2005 made it possible for SPF to be an affiliated society of WPA.

Amendments of the SPF Constitution: It was decided that the tenure of all the officials of the SPF will be 2 years. Immediate Past President shall remain as ex-officiate for the next 2 years after the end of the tenure.

The discussion also took place about the agreed table for change of officers of SPF as per rotation among the member countries. As per practice in the past (and as per the decision of SPF in Kathmandu in 2006) the next rotation will also follow the same way (table attached) and will have next election in 2016 at SPF international conference.

It was agreed that SPF journal will be published more regularly. The responsibility of editorship was approved to be continued by Dr. Shehan Williams (Sri Lanka) for next 2 years.

It was recommended that names of Prof. Dr Afzal Javed, President, World Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR), Prof Abdul Malik Achakzai, Founder President (SPF) and Prof. Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil Roy, Founder General Secretary (SPF) along with Prof. Dr. Harischandra Gambheera will continue as advisors of SPF.

It was agreed that 9th SPF International Conference will be hosted by Pakistan Psychiatric Society (PPS) and 10th by Bangladesh Association of Psychiatry (BAP). Prof. SM Sultan also gave the tentative time from Nov end 2015 to March 2016.

Dr Afzal Javed, President WAPR announced that WAPR would like to offer support to SPF & PAN for establishing some training project in the area of psychosocial rehabilitation or a training fellowship in Pakistan with an amount of 1000 US Dollars. SPF will supervise this project in consultation with WAPR regional Vice president and PAN. The meeting highly praised his views, suggestions and announcements.

The meeting ended with photo session of all the members. Hope that SPF will grow in strength and stature in coming days.

Resolution Passed

SPF executive committee meeting held at Lumbini, Nepal passed the following resolution..

The executive committee of SPF unanimously agreed that SPF should be registered in one of the member countries and authorized Prof S M Sultan to take further actions in this regard. As per suggestion of Prof S M Sultan the EC committee also agreed that the registration process can be completed at Pakistan.

President
Prof SM Sultan

Meeting Secretary
Dr. Nirmal Lamichhane

Ninth SPF Conference, Islamabad, Pakistan

This is my proud privilege to let you know that the SAARC International Conference was held from 4th to 6th March 2016 by SAARC Psychiatric Federation in collaboration with Pakistan Psychiatry Society at Hotel Serena Islamabad. This was a great academic event and the theme of the conference was “Psychiatry Sans Frontier”. The conference was attended by hundreds of renowned Psychiatrists, Academicians, Psychologists and celebrities related to different allied professions. The aim was to bring the Mental Health professionals of SAARC region on one platform because of so many cultural and regional similarities among them and to facilitate the collaboration in the field of Mental Health.

The program of the conference was very interesting and stimulating covering many aspects of Mental Health. This has been a trend setter conference in Pakistan with innovations of breakfast meetings of trainee Psychiatrists with foreign delegates and senior legend psychiatrists of Pakistan, these helped trainees to seek future guidance and set goals for themselves in time so that they can flourish and make progress in the field of Psychiatry. This was also the longest duration conference in the history of International conferences in Pakistan starting on 3rd of March 2016 and the concluding ceremony at 5 PM on Sunday the 6th of March 2016.

The conference began with four Pre-Conference workshops on some important topics in Mental Health in various dignified institutions of Rawalpindi & Islamabad on Thursday the 3rd of March 2016. These workshops were heavily participated by a number of Trainee Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists and general practitioners. These Pre-conference workshops helped the participants to learn more about the clinical implication of Psychiatry.

The Sessions used to start sharply on the scheduled time and the inauguration ceremony was held at 4:00PM, 4th of March 2016. Being a mega scientific conference, the ceremony was chaired by Prof. Arshad Ali, Executive Director Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The Honorable Chief guest offered research fund in the field of mental health for encouraging more research work to be carried out in future. During the inauguration session Chairman Organizing committee Prof. Dr. Sayed Mohammad Sultan highlighted the importance of mental health in SAARC region. He added that SAARC countries have great natural resources, talented and hard working Professionals but because of not enough understanding between the member countries, the region has not

developed to its full potential. He welcomed all the delegates who came from different countries of SAARC and especially those from western countries including United States, Australia, United Kingdom and France to make this mega event successful.

Chairman Scientific Committee Prof. Dr.Mowadat.H.Rana with his other team members worked hard day and night to design a marvelous Scientific Program for this conference. All the academic sessions were carried out as per schedule in the parallel sessions throughout the rest of the days. All the worthy delegates spoke on very important and pertinent topics of their Specialty and interest and these were attended by huge number of the participants.

In the concluding ceremony Certificates and shields were distributed among those who put their efforts to make this conference one of the best academic events not only in the history of Psychiatry in Pakistan but also in the other specialties as well. I hope this conference will go long way in the development and promotion of Mental Health in Pakistan and SAARC Region.

With Best Regards

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Minutes of SPF meeting at ANCIPS, Raipur, 2017

Minutes of the meeting of representatives of Psychiatric associations of India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka

Following Members met and discussed a few matters related to SAARC Psychiatric Association in Raipur.

Members present were

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| 1. Dr. (Br) MSVK Raju | President IPS |
| 2. Dr. Afzal Javed | Pakistan |
| 3. Dr. Sudarshan Pradhan | Nepal |
| 4. Dr. Rajan Sharma | Nepal |
| 5. Dr. Naba Raj Koirala | Nepal |
| 6. Dr. U.C.Garg | India |
| 7. Dr. Ajith Bhide | India |
| 8. Dr. H. Gambheera | Sri Lanka |

Dr. Afzal Javed and Dr. Garg gave a brief history of SPF from its inception. Dr. H. Gambheera representing Sri Lanka was requested to keep notes and circulate.

Members of the federation

Participation of member association was discussed. It was pointed out that Maldives and Bhutan has not participated in any previous activities. However it was agreed that we must write to them and obtain information and include them afterwards. We need to obtain information and their views regarding participation and contribution.

Office bearers

It was proposed and agreed as follows for the Presidents and Secretaries of the federation for the next ten years. It is the duty of the member association to nominate the office bearer

Years	President	Secretaries
2017-2018	India	Nepal
2019-2020	Nepal	Sri Lanka
2021-2022	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh
2023-2024	Bangladesh	Pakistan
2025-2026	Pakistan	India

It was also agreed to rotate **all the officials** in every two years.

No conclusions arrived on other office bearers such as Vice presidents and assistant secretaries but everybody agreed that Dr. Shehan Williams should continue as editor.

Registration of the federation

Difficulties facing in registration of the federation at SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu and problem of not having the registration were discussed.

Constitution of the federation

The proposed constitution of the federation has already been accepted by member association of India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Dr. Garg agreed to circulate a copy of that constitution for information and further action.

Affiliated to WPA

Dr. Javed mentioned that SPF is an affiliated member of the WPA from the beginning

Conference of the federation

It was agreed to conduct the conference biannually

It was also proposed that there should be a session of SPF in annual conferences of member associations.

Dr. Harischandra Gambheera (on behalf of the Sri Lanka College of Psychiatrists)

INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

MINUTES OF AGB MEETINGS, 2018 RANCHI OF IPS

**APPROVING BRIG. MSVK RAJU TO
CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT OF S.P.F.**

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Minutes of the 70th Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS)

held on 7th February 2018 at Ranchi, Jharkhand

The Meeting of Annual General Body was convened at 4:00pm. IPS President Dr. Ajit V. Bhide was in the Chair and called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Dr. Ajit V Bhide, Dr. Gautam Saha, Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal, Dr. T.S.S. Rao, Dr. V. Sabitha, Dr. P. Balu, Dr. MSVK Raju, Dr. G Prasad Rao, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Kshirod K Mishra, Dr. Anand Handigol, Dr. Laxmi Naresh Vadlamani, Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav, Dr. Madhukar, Dr. D. Ram, Dr. Pradeep Kr. Saha, Dr. Vijay Naresh, Dr. Parth Vaishnav, Dr. K Sundarsan, Dr. Roop Sidana, Dr. Prabir Paul, Dr. P D Lakdawala, Dr. Kavan Lakdawala, Dr. Malay Dave, Dr. Shail Verma, Dr. Artee P Ugaonkar, Dr. Nabakumar Maiti, Dr. Kumar Kanti Ghosh, Dr. Sibasis Bandyopadhyaya, Dr. Vani P, Dr. Ujjwal Khaswchi, Dr. Deepak Singh, Dr. Arvind Pandey, Dr. Bhavesh Lakdawala, Dr. Rajendra Hegde, Dr. K. Narasimha, Dr. Sathyanarayana MT, Dr. G Suresh Kumar, Dr. Krishna Kadam, Dr. Shashi Rai, Dr. Ruma Bhattacharya, Dr. Savita Malhotra, Dr. Sagar T, Dr. Vipul Singh, Dr. S. P. Gupta, Dr. Om Prakash, Dr. Rajeev Jain, Dr. Laxmikant Rath, Dr. P. K. Dalal, Dr. U.C. Garg, Dr. Nayeem, Dr. Asim Mallick, Dr. Hemant Naidu, Dr. Harjeet Singh, Dr. V. D. Meel, Dr. Ranjan Biswas, Dr. Md Aleem Siddiqui, Dr. Amit Pattojoshi, Dr. Sujit Sarkhel, Dr. Indrajeet Sengupta, Dr. Abir Mukharjee, Dr. Tirthankar Das Gupta, Dr. Abhiruchi Chatterjee, Dr. Manoj Sahu, Dr. Mainak Deb Sikdar, Dr. Basudev Das, Dr. Tophan Pati, Dr. Abdul Majid, Dr. Roshan Bhad, Dr. Gagan Hans, Dr. Koushik Sinha Deb, Dr. Siddharth Sarkar, Dr. Devashish Konar, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Shrinivas C. Kulkarni, Dr. Nimesh G. Desai, Dr. Abraham Kallivayalil, Dr. Harpreet Singh, Dr. Swaminath G, Dr. Abhay Matkar, Dr. N. M. Patil, Dr. Raguram, Dr. K. Ashok Reddy, Dr. Santosh Kumar Kumar, Dr. Mainak Mukherjee, Dr. Manoj S Bhavsar, Dr. Kaushik Gupte, Dr. S. M. Amin, Dr. Khyati Mehtalia, Dr. Abhishek Samal, Dr. Kailas Ch. Nayak, Dr. Mansawi Gautam, Dr. K R Sridhar, Dr. V M Bhute, Dr. K. S. Shusrata, Dr. Sai Krishna Tikka, Dr. Suvendu Mishra, Dr. Samrat Kar, Dr. Ponnudurai, Dr. O P Singh, Dr. Darpan Kaur, Dr. Deepak Rathod, Dr. Bahadur Moideen, Dr. Biswajit Mandal, Dr. Goutam Sanyal, Dr. Bishnu Charan Das, Dr. Gopal Chandra Kar, Dr. C. L. Narayan, Dr. V. G. Watve, Dr. D. M. Dhavale, Dr. Varun S Mehta, Dr. Bikramadiya Jaiswal, Dr. Neha Singh, Dr. Shri Gopal, Dr. I. R. S. Reddy, Dr. Joseph Varghese, Dr. Neelanjana Paul, Dr. Soumitra Shankar Datta, Dr. Kuruvilla Thomas.

Condolences:

Gen. Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha read the names of the members who had passed away during the year 2016.

- We lost two Past Presidents of Indian Psychiatric Society Dr. D.N. Nandi (LF 04055) Kolkata on 26th March 2017 and Dr. Dipali Dutta (LF 04003) Guwahati on 11th November 2017.
- Dr. Shashi K. Pandey Ex-Director of CIP Ranchi, died on 13th December 2017.
- Dr. Malati Ghosh (LF 13066) Kolkata, Past President of IPS, WB State Branch passed away on 1st November 2017.
- We also lost many other active members of our society, namely Mrs. Ratna Bilwani (LF 18083); Dr. Tuhiram Jajor (LF 20059); Dr. Deepak Mane (LOM/D06/10); Dr. S.K. Bhutani (LF 02054); Dr. Ravindran M, Dr. Lajapati Nagaswamy; Dr. Udayan Mehta (LF 21020) and Dr. KJS Rajiv (LOM/R03/02). It is very painful to share that we lost an young psychiatrist Dr. S Rahul also.

The members paid glowing tributes to the departed souls. The following members shared their reminiscences: Dr. Ajit Bhide, Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav, Dr. Barid Bhattacharyya, Dr. Joseph Varghese, Dr. Sagar, Dr. Rajeev Jain, Dr. Harjeet Singh, Dr. Shivashankaran, Dr. Ponnudurai, Dr. Thomas, Dr. SP Gupta, Dr. Nishant Goyal and Dr. Arabinda Brahma remembered the contributions made by the departed members and prayed God to grant their souls peace. A minute's silence was observed and it was resolved to send the condolence messages to the bereaved families.

Remarks of the President:

President Dr. Ajit Bhide welcoming all members in the AGBM, invited them to participate in the AGB actively. He expressed his gratitude to all for giving him the responsibility of being the President of the Society. He congratulated Immediate Past President Dr. (Brig.) MSVK Raju and other predecessors for doing excellent work during their tenure as president. He also said that he was fortunate to work with and succeed a great core team in the form of General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha, Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal and Editor Dr. TSS Rao, He requested all the members for help and support in running the affairs of the Society. He The president emphasized on the following specific issues:

- a) New Membership drives to be enforced and strengthened by the existing members in their individual capacity by persuading all the students. A special care should be taken by the Life Fellows to upgrade members from Life Ordinary Membership to Life Fellowship.
- b) In recent times it has been observed that the activities of various zonal branches of IPS being managed in haphazard manner and not in tune with the national body. The office bearers of National body and its branches must take steps to improve co-ordination and communication between local, state zonal branches on one hand and with national body in all their activities. This may be done with gentle persuasion without creating any constitutional/legal framework.
- c) All our members must build and project a better image of our profession and the IPS, and must participate in matters of mental health with society at large.

Confirmation of the minutes of 69th AGBM at Raipur in February 2017:

Hon. General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha read the salient points of the minutes of last AGBM 2017 held at Raipur. The minutes were discussed and corrections to be made. After extensive discussion the minutes was confirmed and passed. Proposed by Dr. Arabinda Brahma and seconded by Dr. Joseph Varghese.

Business arising from minutes of last AGBM:

Dr. Joseph Varghese mentioned that new membership fees should not be brought up without prior discussion at EC, and that the overseas membership category should be dissolved. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal, Hon. Treasurer mentioned that the EC has passed the new membership fees and is being placed in AGBM for final discussion and approval. He also asked the house, about procedure to dissolve the Overseas Life Membership and after discussion in the house it was decided that they should be identified as Life Fellows only if they can provide an Indian address. It was also decided to dissolve the Annual membership of all the categories and Hon. Treasurer would intimate all the annual members to upgrade to Life membership as the decision of the AGBM by 31st March 2018. AGB also instructed Hon. Treasurer to sort out the overseas membership status by next AGBM. Dr. Nimesh Desai asked whether the discussion regarding last AGBM minutes to be held under "confirmation of minutes" or under "business arising from minutes". The house decided that the corrections, if any, in the read out the Minutes of last AGBM, will be done under "confirmation of minutes" and any discussions would take place under "business arising from minutes". Dr. Omprakash said that the discussion on some topics consume much time therefore there should be time limit for every agenda. Dr. AK Handigol suggested that each page of the minutes should be read out irrespective of the topics/issues and each page must get passed and then move on to the next page to define clarity, but this suggestion was discarded by the house. President Dr. Ajit Bhide mentioned that the minutes were circulated to all the members well in advance, and General Secretary need not read out whole of the minutes again, so that discussion should start straight away. To utilize the valuable time best, as mentioned by Dr. CL Narayan members can discuss the important points and issues on the floor of the house, and AGB can take decision accordingly.

Reading and Adoption of General Secretary's report:-

Hon. General Secretary Dr Gautam Saha read the important features of the annual report of the activities of the Society held during the year 2017-18. Dr. Nimesh Desai mentioned that IPS had co-sponsored of the WFMH conference which was inaugurated by the President of India was missed out in the report. Dr. RK Lenin Singh also requested to include the CME held on 6th January 2018 in the report. Hon. General Secretary promised to include all the missing points. The President also

wanted to place on record the comment that we have had a very energetic General Secretary who has worked tirelessly for the betterment of the society, and he merits a special applause from the hall.

The Gen Secretary's report was adopted, proposed by Dr. Shashi Rai and seconded by Dr. Rajendra Hegde.

Reading and adoption of Treasurer's report and a statement of audited accounts:-

Hon. Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal presented Hony. Treasurer's report and placed the audited accounts of the Society. Dr. Bhavesh Lakhdawala asked whether Assets and Fixed deposits are same and under assets. He also wanted clarification as to why the surplus from ANCIPS was a few lakhs only, while IPS Midterm CME had a surplus of Rs. 11 Lakhs. Dr. Lakhdawala said that if somebody becomes LOM in the 1st year of PGT can he become Life Fellow after 5 years. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal clarified that 5 years Post-PG experience is mandatory to become Life Fellow.

Dr. Joseph Varghese congratulated Hon. Treasurer for circulating the hard copy of the audit report, but also mentioned that it's better to circulate to the members atleast 7 days prior AGBM. He also mentioned that the comments given by the Auditor is not good, as there are some discrepancies mentioned in the report; this should not happen. IJP accounts having same PAN Card should be merged with IPS accounts. He also mentioned that some account heads are being carried forward from previous year must be resolved. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal replied that some account heads are carried from the previous audit reports and will talk to Chartered Accountant for resolving and writing off the amounts with the permission of the house with proper explanation. Dr. Joseph Varghese also mentioned that expenditure incurred by Travelling, HQs renovation; website and printing were almost double from last year accounts. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal explained that the 2016 travelling expenses were paid up in 2017, as well as many office bearers meetings were organized in 2017. HQs renovation cost included the GST amount which was not mentioned in the last AGBM, as it was not applicable then. In 2015-16 the website was not functioning well and much renovation and development work was done under the guidance of past president Dr. (Brig) MSVK Raju which involved cost; the printing charges included the printing of four newsletters published in 2016-17 and this cost got reimbursed too. Dr. Joseph Varghese enquired about the account head – memento; remuneration and some other accounts.

Hon. Treasurer took the permission from the house to discuss the same issues with the CA and to get back with reply in next EC Meeting. Hon. Treasurer mentioned that Raipur ANCIPS informed a surplus amount of Rs. 45,000/- is expected and Rs. 11 Lakhs from the National Mid Term CME 2016 Guwahati is awaited. He also mentioned that IPS is applying for GST, after getting the Society Registration formal documents. Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal informed the house for buying Genset for IPS HQs costing around 11 Lakhs which AGB passed as maximum permitted limit. Dr. Ponnudurai mentioned that all three office bearers – Imm. Past President, General Secretary and Treasurer should sign the audit report before presenting it to the house.

The President Dr. Ajit Bhide noting that there was a need to be more attentive to details of accounts, suggested to form an Internal Audit Commission which will go through the books of accounts and account heads before presenting the relevant documents to the Auditor and this will resolve the issues that being discussed in this AGBM. The house agreed to the President's proposal and a three member commission was formed – Dr. Joseph Varghese, Dr. Asim Mallick and Dr. KK Mishra after taking their consents. Dr. Ponnudurai clarified that some income tax matters are lying pending due to some documentation issues that need to be addressed in proper methodology to the IT department and the work was in progress, meanwhile relevant documents as received from the past President Dr. (Brig) MSVK Raju was submitted to the office of the Society Registration and the registration got renewed. The house applauded the great effort of Dr. R. Ponnudurai.

The Treasurer's report was adopted, proposed by Dr. Rajeev Jain and seconded by Dr. G. Prasad Rao.

Reading and adoption of Editor's report:

Hon. Editor Dr. TSS Rao read the salient points of the report. Initiating the discussion, members firstly congratulated the Editor TSS Rao. Dr. Rao mentioned that all issues are now available on net. Four Supplements have been released and fifth one is underway. He expressed dissatisfaction over the fact that very few members are utilizing the App. He mentioned that impact factor was 0.81, which is significant, though it may look small. He mentioned that IJP is supposed to get dues from ANCIPS committees of 2017 & 2018.

Dr. Ponnudurai reiterated that IJP PAN Card should be separated from that of IPS, so that IT exemption may be possible. TSS Rao mentioned that efforts are being made to have a PAN card for IJP for last 6-7 years and currently trying to get one in name of Editor IJP, Dr. Joseph Varghese mentioned that you need to register IJP as separate trust and then easy to have PAN card as got in IPS South Zone. Dr. Sabitha (Joint Secretary, Tamil Nadu) expressed the genuine need for faculty members to publish their work and whether size of number of pages will help to incorporate extra articles, as these are too many rejections. Dr. TSS Rao spoke of an 87 – 90% rejection rate, which earns a better quality of articles. Dr. Bhavesh Lakhdawala expressed dissatisfaction that - in the IJP app only 1-2 issues are available, hence not many members use it. In one particular issue of IJP – 4-5 articles had the name of Editor, which is not a good trend to follow. Dr. TSS Rao explained that this had indeed occurred in issue on sexual medicine. Dr. Bhavesh Lakhdawala also pointed out that only articles from major institutes like AIIMS / PGI are being published in IJP and what will happen to other researchers from smaller institutes of other places of the country. Dr. Ajit Bhide promised that the journal committee would be asked to look into this matter and act accordingly. Dr. AK Handigol congratulated the Editor on the vast improvement of the journal that has occurred since the last few years. Dr. R Hegde, Goa – suggested that cheques should be accepted in name of IJP. Dr. Roy Abraham congratulated Dr. Rao for good job as editor and suggested future Editor to send only a soft copy of IJP by email to reduce the cost of printing. Dr. TSS Rao suggested that preferably not to send whole journal directly to the members because the impact factor is partly determined by number of visits to the website. Dr. OmPrakash said that IJP is the academic face of IPS, hence more money should be spent on improving the quality of the journal rather than wasting resources on organizing ANCIPS lavishly. The President Dr. A Bhide agreed that we need to be frugal in matters of the society functions. He was skeptical of the need for so many supplements, which are actually books and which do not count as contribution by faculty members.

The Editor's report was adopted, proposed by Dr. Narsimha Reddy and seconded by Dr. Rajiv Jain.

Election of Office Bearers & Direct EC Members:-

Dr. K. Sudarsan, Chairperson Election Commission read out his report. The results of the election were declared by Dr. Sudarsan.

- Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav was elected as Vice-President cum President Elect.
- Dr. Vinay Kumar was elected unopposed as Hon. General Secretary.
- Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal was elected unopposed as Hon. Treasurer.
- Dr. Om Prakash Singh was elected as Hon. Editor.
- Dr. Laxmi Kant Rathi, Dr. Md. Aleem Siddiqui and Dr. Abhay Matkar were elected as Direct Council Members.
- Dr. Savita Malhotra and Dr. Shashi Rai were elected uncontested as the Lady Direct Council Members.

Dr. K. Sudarsan suggested that election results are declared within 15 days of the completion of the election which was not accepted by the house.

Dr. Gautam Saha thanked Dr. Sudarsan and his team for doing a great job. Dr. K. Sudarsan also expressed appreciated the excellent work put in by his team members – Dr. Roop Sidana, Returning Officer, Dr. Prabir Paul, Election Officer. Dr. Sudarsan presented Certificates of Election to the elected members. The President then invited the newly elected Office Bearers on to the dais and requested them to say few words to the members. The President appreciated the promises of the newly elected office bearers towards the members of the society and assured that the new team will work together with total commitment. The President also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. K. Sudarsan who was completing his duty as Chairperson, Election Commission. Dr. Prabir Paul mentioned that there is no token of appreciation given to the retiring Election Commission Chair. The President agreed to look into this; from here on this will be rectified.

The newly elected office bearers were invited to take charge by coming on the dais. They thanked the General body for reposing confidence in them.

Appointment of Member of Election Commission:

Dr. SP Gupta proposed the name of Dr. Jai Prakash Narayan from Central Zone for the post of the member, Election Commission. Dr. Asim Kumar Mallick seconded the proposal. The AGB waited for the consent from Dr. JP Narayan and instructed next EC to appoint Dr. JP Narayan as the Election Officer after taking his consent.

Appointment of the Auditors:

AGB gave its consent to Hon. Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwal to appoint the next auditor which was adopted unanimously.

Amendments of the Rules & Bye-laws, if any

Hon. General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha informed the AGB that the Council was in receipt of ten proposals from the Constitution Sub-Committee for amendments of Bye laws. These proposals were circulated as hard copy to all the members one month in advance along with the notice and agenda of the AGBM. He further informed that EC has discussed each proposal in detail and forwarded the proposals to AGB for further discussion and approval. After debating on the pros and cons of proposed constitutional amendments, AGB passed and rejected the following resolutions with some modifications:

Part II: RULES OF THE SOCIETY, Article VI	
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
6. Any person desirous of becoming a Member shall make an application to the Honorary Treasurer along with application fees, in prescribed form and sign a declaration in the form, "I hereby declare that I shall promote the aims and objects of the Indian Psychiatric Society to the best of my ability and agree to abide by its constitution and bye-laws for the time being in force." After his name has been proposed and seconded by two Fellows of the Society, his application will be put up for consideration and election by the Council. This provision shall also apply to a voluntary Society desirous of becoming a Corporate Member.	6. Any person desirous of becoming a Member shall make an application to the Honorary Treasurer along with application fees, in prescribed form and sign a declaration in the form, "I hereby declare that I shall promote the aims and objects of the Indian Psychiatric Society to the best of my ability and agree to abide by its constitution and bye-laws for the time being in force." After his name has been proposed and seconded by two Life Fellows of the Society, his application will be put up for consideration and election by the Council. This provision shall also apply to a voluntary Society desirous of becoming a Corporate Member.
Part II: RULES OF THE SOCIETY, Article XII: -	
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
All Members of the Society shall pay their annual membership subscriptions to the Treasurer of the Indian Psychiatric Society. The Zonal, State and the Local branches will have liberty to collect additional subscription and donation from their members, including Life Fellows, if it is so decided by the Zonal, State and /or local branch for the running and benefit of the branch.	All CORPORATE Members of the Society shall pay their annual membership subscriptions to the Treasurer of the Indian Psychiatric Society on or before 31st December of every year. The Zonal, State and the Local branches will have liberty to collect additional subscription and donation from their members, including Life Fellows, if it is so decided by the Zonal, State and /or local branch for the running and benefit of the branch.
Part II: RULES OF THE SOCIETY, Article XV	
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
30. The General management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Council, which shall not exceed 24 in number	30. The General management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Council, which shall not exceed 27 in number
Part II: RULES OF THE SOCIETY, Article XVI	
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
31. The Council shall be composed of the following Members of the Society. (A) (i) The President (ii) The Vice-President (iii) The Hony. General Secretary (iv) The Hony. Treasurer (v) The Hony. Editor, (vi) The Immediate Past-President, (vii) The Immediate Past Hony. General Secretary, Elected Members i) Two representatives from each of the five Zonal Branches. ii) Seven Direct Members (out of which one is reserved for defense personnel), elected by the General Body of the Society at its Annual General Meeting.	31. The Council shall be composed of the following Members of the Society. (A) (i) The President (ii) The Vice-President (iii) The Hony. General Secretary (iv) The Hony. Treasurer (v) The Hony. Editor, (vi) The Immediate Past-President, (vii) The Immediate Past Hony. General Secretary, viii) The Immediate Past Hony. Treasurer (B) Elected Members i) Two representatives from each of the five Zonal Branches. ii) Nine Direct Members (out of which one is reserved for defense personnel as per their recommendation), elected by the General Body of the Society at its Annual General Meeting of which two Lady members will be mandatory. If the stipulated number of Lady member do not contest or are not available, then the Executive Council will have the power to nominate required number of Lady member for a period of one year.
Part II: RULES OF THE SOCIETY, Article XVII	
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
32. (d) The Council shall have the power to appoint sub-committees and fix their terms of reference as and when necessary. Any such sub-committee may co-opt as Members thereof such persons who have experience in matters to be dealt by it. Any member of the Society may be co-opted as Member of a sub-committee. The chairman of the each sub-committee shall be elected by the Council for a period of two years. The members of the sub-committee shall also serve a term of two years.	32. (d) The Council shall have the power to appoint sub-committees and fix their terms of reference as and when necessary. Any such sub-committee may co-opt as Members thereof such LIFE FELLOWS who have experience in matters to be dealt by it. Any member of the Society may be co-opted as Member of a sub-committee. The chairman of the each sub-committee shall be elected by the Council for a period of two years. The members of the sub-committee shall also serve a term of two years.
Part II: RULES OF THE SOCIETY, Article XX	
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
35. Amendment to the Memorandum, Rules and Bye-laws of the Society may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting after adequate notice (which shall not be less than 30 days) is given. The voting shall be confined to the Fellows of the Society and any amendment to be carried, shall have at least two-thirds majority of voters attending the meeting.	35. Amendment to the Memorandum, Rules and Bye-laws of the Society may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting after adequate notice (which shall not be less than 30 days) is given. The voting shall be confined to the LIFE Fellows of the Society and any amendment to be carried, shall have at least two-thirds majority of voters attending the meeting.
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
36. Resolution for amendment shall be very precise and may be proposed by any Member of the Society who shall inform the Hony. General Secretary of his desire to do so and send him a copy of the resolution for consideration by the Council. The resolution shall be sent to the Hony. General Secretary not less than 60 days before	36. Resolution for amendment shall be very precise and may be proposed by any Life Fellow of the Society who shall inform the Hony. General Secretary of his desire to do so and send him a copy of the resolution for consideration by the Council. The resolution shall be sent to the Hony. General Secretary not less than

the Annual General Meeting and he shall circulate it among the Members of the Society and submit it to the Annual General Meeting with comments of the Council, if any.	60 days before the Annual General Meeting and he shall circulate it among the Life Fellow of the Society and submit it to the Annual General Meeting with comments of the Council, if any.
Part II: RULES OF THE SOCIETY, Article XXI	
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
37. (a) There shall be a Tribunal consisting of five Members who shall be Past-Presidents of the Society and nominated by the Council at its Annual Meeting each year to deal with any appeal against a decision of the Council or of the Annual General Body of the Society. The senior most members shall be the Chairman of the Tribunal.	37. (a) There shall be a Tribunal consisting of five Members who shall be Past-Presidents of the Society and nominated by the Council at its POST ANNUAL GENERAL BODY COUNCIL i.e. FIRST COUNCIL MEETING each year to deal with any appeal against a decision of the Council or of the Annual General Body of the Society. The senior most LIFE FELLOW shall be the Chairman of the Tribunal.
Existing	Proposed & Passed in Ranchi AGBM 2018
(d) The Annual General Body and the Council (when the AGB is not in session) shall have the power to refer any matter to the Tribunal for adjudication or opinion. Any appeal from any individual member shall have to be supported by at least 10 Fellows and shall be in writing failing which such appeal shall not be considered by the Tribunal.	(d) The Annual General Body and the Council (when the AGB is not in session) shall have the power to refer any matter to the Tribunal for adjudication or opinion. Any appeal from any individual member shall have to be supported by at least 10 Life Fellows and shall be in writing failing which such appeal shall not be considered by the Tribunal.
Part III: BYE LAWS, Article II, Subscriptions	
Existing	Proposed & Passed with modification in Ranchi AGBM 2018
2. For members residing in India: (a) The Application fee shall be Rs. 200/- (b) Subscription for various classes of membership Shall be :- (i) Fellow : Rs. 8000/- (Life) (ii) Ordinary Member : Rs. 5000/- (Life) (iii) Associate Member : Rs. 5000/- (Life) (iv) Corporate Member : Rs. 21000/- (Annual)	2. For members residing in India: (a) The Application fee shall be Rs. 500/- for all categories (b) Subscription for various classes of membership Shall be:- (i) Life Fellow : Rs. 15000/- Rs. 10000/- (Life) (ii) Life Ordinary Member : Rs. 10000/- Rs. 6000/- (Life) (iii) Life Associate Member : Rs. 20000/- Rs. 6000/- (Life) (iv) Corporate Member (Annual) : Rs. 40000/- Rs. 27000/- (Annual)
Existing	Proposed & Rejected with deletion in Ranchi AGBM 2018
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Proposed by: Dr. Om Prakash Singh (LF 19281)

Seconded by: Dr. Neelanjana Paul (LF 14079)

Part III: Bye Laws of the society
Article IV: Duties, power and terms of office bearer
Clause 14

Existing	Proposed & Rejected in Ranchi AGBM 2018
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Proposed by :Dr (SurgCdr, Retd) Kshirod K Mishra (LF-13133)

Article V: Term of the office of Executive Council Members

Existing	Proposed & Rejected in Ranchi AGBM 2018
11. Members of the council whether elected directly by general body or by the zonal branches shall hold the office for 3 years and shall be eligible for reelection at the end of this period.	He shall hold the office elected directly by the members at the end of this period, provided no other eligible member has applied for the post. In case, any other eligible member has applied for the post, his nomination will automatically get cancelled.

Proposed by: Dr (SurgCdr, Retd) Kshirod K Mishra (LF-13133)

Resolution from members:-

Dr. Prabir Paul, member election commission suggested that there must be a proper resolution and procedure to:

- Give proper recognition to the members of election commission during ANCIPS inauguration. In this regard, the President agreed that a proper token of appreciation be given to the retiring Chair of the Commission.
- Fund allocation for allowance for travel. At present the expenses are borne by members of the Election Commission on their own, and these are later on reimbursed by Hon. Treasurer's Office. The house felt that the present pattern can be continued.

Dr. Savita Malhotra suggested a resolution to be taken to declare the number of votes received by each candidate. President Dr. Ajit Bhide said it is conventionally not done and felt the status quo be maintained.

Adoption of statement of Audited Accounts of ANCIPS- 2017 & Mid Term CME- 2016 & 2017:

The Hon. General Secretary informed that audited accounts of Mid Term CME Guwahati 2016 are received. Accounts of ANCIPS-2017, Raipur has submitted through electronic media which indicates a surplus amount of Rs. 45,000/- and Rs. 5 Lakhs TDS return amount is awaited, out of which Rs. 2.5 Lakhs will come to IPS accounts. Dr. Manoj Sahu will send detail audited report later on. The audit report and surplus fund of Mid-Term CME 2017 are not yet submitted.

Venue of ANCIPS – 2020 and National Mid-Term CME – 2019:

The Hon. Gen. Secretary informed that he was in receipt of four invitations for ANCIPS-2020, two verbal invitations for IPS National Mid-Term CME-2019. For hosting ANCIPS 2020, one invitation was from IOP, Kolkata by Dr. Pradeep Saha, 2nd from IPS WB State Branch by Dr. Gautam Saha, 3rd from Delhi by Dr. Rajesh Nagpal, 4th from Vizag. A mesmerizing video presentation was done by IPS West Bengal State Branch and the power point presentation by Vizag team. The four invitations were finally called for voting and the invitation by Dr. Gautam Saha on behalf of IPS West Bengal State Branch was accepted through maximum voting. ANCIPS 2020 Kolkata declared Dr. RR Ghosh Roy as Chairperson, Organizing Committee and Dr. Gautam Saha as Organizing Secretary.

There were only two verbal invitations for Mid Term CME 2019 received from Dr. TSS Rao at Mysore supported by IPS Karnataka State Branch. 2nd proposal came from Delhi from Dr. Nimesh Desai on behalf of IHBAAS and IPS Northern Zone. The invitation from Mysore was accepted. Dr. TSS Rao was given responsibility to form the organizing committee and inform the EC.

UG & PG Medical Education:

The AGB entrusted EC to take necessary steps of action.

SAARC issues:-

The AGB entrusted Dr. (Brig) MSVK Raju to be the President for the second term.

WPA / WFMH / SAARC / Other international association matters:-

The AGB anonymously decided that President of IPS will be the candidate from India and will contest for the next WPA – Zone 16 election. AGB also entrusted EC to take decision on the Conferences, Co-Sponsorship with International Association.

Approval of new State and Local Branches if any: None

Declaration of the Awards:-

The Chairman Awards Committee Dr. IRS Reddy announced the winners of various IPS awards for year 2018 as follows:

DLN Murthy Oration Award	Dr. Gopal Chandra Kar
Tilak Venkoba Rao Oration Award	Dr. Yatan Pal Singh Bulhara
Marfatia Award	Dr. P.N. Suresh Kumar
Bhagwat Award	Dr. Pooja Patnaik
Col. Kripal Singh Award	Dr. Sojan Baby
BPSS Award	Dr. Nirmalya Mukherjee
Young Psychiatrist Award	Dr. Sai Krishna Tikka
PPA I Award	Dr. Rajesh Sagar
PPA II Award	Dr. Bharat Holla
KC Dubey Poster Session I Award	Dr. Preeti Pansari Agarwal
M. Murugappan Poster Session II Award	Dr. Devakshi Dua et al
Prof. J.K. Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. Karri Rama Reddy

The Hon. General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha informed the AGB that the awards for Best Zonal and State branch for Year 2017 were:

Best Zone	IPS South Zonal Branch
Second Best Zone	IPS West Zonal Branch
Best State	IPS Karnataka State Branch
Second Best State	IPS Chattisgarh & Orissa State Branch

The Hon. General Secretary also declared the awards of Indian Premier Psychiatry League – friendly cricket tournament amongst zones.

IPPL Winner	IPS South Zonal Branch
IPPL Runner	IPS East Zonal Branch

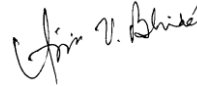
The house appreciated the work of our life fellow, Dr. Madhukar for the excellent organization of the IPPL which he handles consistently ever year, with the help of the local Organising Committee.

Any other business with the permission of chair:-

No additional business had been brought to the meeting.

President Dr. Ajit Bhide complimented all the outgoing office bearers and wished all the best for the new office bearers. President also thanked the Org. Committee for excellent arrangements. The President expressed his gratitude to past presidents Dr.(Brig) MSVK Raju, Imm Past General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha and Imm. Past Editor Dr. TSS Rao for their wise counsel and support and said that he is looking forward enthusiastically to work with newly elected Vice President Dr. Mrugesh Vaishnav, Hony General Secretary Dr. Vinay Kumar, Hon. Editor Dr. O.P. Singh and reelected Hony Treasurer Dr. Mukesh Jagiwala. He thanked the General Body for their constructive participation in the meeting.

The AGBM ended at 9:30 pm with Vote of Thanks by the Hony General Secretary Dr. Gautam Saha to the Chair for conducting the proceedings in an exemplary manner.



President

Date – 07 February, 2018

Place – Ranchi

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IPS SAARC AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE

5TH NOVEMBER 2023

Report of IPS Sub-Committee for SAARC Affairs

Honourable President IPS,

Kindly find the observations / recommendations of the IPS Sub-Committee for the SAARC Psychiatric Federation (SPF) affairs as per the request made by IPS EC.

The current SPF came into existence in September 2004 in Lahore wherein the IPS was given the responsibility to look after the office of the Secretary-General and the PPS (Pakistan) was given the position of President SPF.

The Draft Constitution was presented in a Special session of SPF during the ANCIPS 2005 held in Chandigarh where the composition of the EC as explained below:-

1. The representatives of respective countries on a rotational basis shall hold posts of the President, two Vice Presidents, the Secretary-General, Joint Secretary, Editor, Advisors, and Treasurer. **They shall be elected by their National Societies respectively and will be nominated thereafter.** The rotation of the posts will be such that representatives will not hold all the posts from the same country. The Executive Committee of Delegates will comprise two nominations from each Member Country and three advisors.
2. The President has a mandate of one year, the vice president of two years, the secretary general, joint secretary, editor, treasurer, and advisors, and the executive committee has a mandate for three years.

A few excerpts from minutes of a few EC meetings of SPF:-

The EC meeting held during the Lumbini Conference of SPF on November 28, 2014, passed a constitutional amendment like this:-

“Amendments of the SPF Constitution: The tenure of all the Officials of the SPF would be 2 years. Immediate Past President shall remain as ex-officiate for the next 2 years after the end of the tenure.”

This means that the mandate for the tenure of various posts was between one to three years for different posts as per the original constitution and this was made uniform only after the amendments passed in 2014. This is the latest constitutional amendment which was ratified by AGB IPS is what we have. However the current constitution of SPF seems to be mentioning something different, and this practice is not in line with the constitution that is approved by IPS AGB. This means the current constitution of the SPF is not valid because...

“The discussion also took place and agreed about the changeover of officers of SPF on a rotation basis among the member countries. As per practice in the past (and as per the decision of SPF in Kathmandu in 2006) the next rotation will also follow the same way (table attached) and the next election was meant to be held in 2016 at the SPF international conference.”

In the EC Meeting of SPF held during ANCIPS 2017 Raipur, the following decisions related to SPF were taken

With regards to Office bearers, “it was proposed and agreed as follows for the Presidents and Secretaries of the federation for the next ten years. It is the duty of the member associations to nominate the office bearers”. This also would follow the turns taken as per the table below.

Years	President	Secretaries
2017-2018	India	Nepal
2019-2020	Nepal	Sri Lanka
2021-2022	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh
2023-2024	Bangladesh	Pakistan
2025-2026	Pakistan	India

Explanation:- **The underlined text above categorically states that it is the duty of the member association to nominate the office bearers.** “It was also agreed to rotate all the officials in every two years. No conclusions were arrived on other office bearers such as Vice presidents and Assistant Secretaries but everybody agreed that Dr. Shehan Williams should continue as Editor.”

Explanation:- **The above text from that meeting refers to vice presidents (in plural) which means more than one vice president. There was no mention of Vice-President cum President-Elect. But the current constitution of SPF mentions this post means the current constitution is not original or valid since it has not been ratified in the AGB of the IPS. An amended constitution is being followed without approval in the AGB of the IPS.**

The above findings reveal:-

1-That there was no such post as the Vice President cum President-Elect in the SPF, as is evident from the minutes of past EC meetings held from time to time.

2-From the very beginning the emphasis was given on a principle that the office bearers should be elected first by national societies and then to be nominated to SPF

so that the common member of the national bodies would remain a member of the SPF automatically

3- Further, the office bearers should have been nominated on country-wise rotation which was decided & adopted well in advance. India completed the tenure of Presidency during 2017-18 and so there is no justification for India holding the position of President in 2021-23 again. This state of affairs demonstrates that the original constitution and the decisions of past EC meetings that are held and recognized as the constitution of the SPF were not followed. It appears that instead of representatives coming from different national bodies, only a handful of people are managing the SPF affairs without any common program or agenda to fulfill the aims and objectives of SPF which appears to be not in line with the constitution and agreed by the IPS.

At Colombo, Dr Gautam Saha became Vice President without IPS EC approval. He was only immediate past Honorary General Secretary and not the Vice President of IPS. He became President, using a copy of “a constitution” which was never seen in the IPS Office or AGB. That means he never got EC approval to become President.

When he became President, as per the chart, it was the turn of Sri Lanka to nominate a President. He mentioned in the meetings of IPS EC that Sri Lanka was not ready to accept. In this case, it should have gone to the next country in the rotation chart. Obviously, at the time, it was not India's turn.

Regarding SPF there was a tradition in IPS that the person holding a particular post in IPS will be chosen for an equivalent post in SPF. In this case, he or she used to hand over the charge to his or her incumbent immediately after finishing his or her tenure in IPS. The only exception is Prof MSVK Raju who continued for 2 years but he took the concurrence of the next president Dr Ajit Bhide and also the EC.

When Dr N N Raju raised the issue and asked him to hand over the charge Dr Saha gave the example of Dr MSVK Raju and wished to continue. While doing so he

remembered that Dr MSVK Raju continued for 2 years but he chose to ignore the tradition as well as EC concurrence to continue which Dr MSVK Raju followed.

The sub-committee observes that the current EC structure of SPF does not conform with the SPF constitutional provisions. It further observes that IPS as a national body was not given due importance to the election of the current office bearers of the SPF, which is quite evident from the minutes of IPS EC meetings and AGBM held during the last few years. For a successful functioning of SAARC the following details and ingredients were considered essential:

- 1) The president and Hon' secretary of current office of all societies should be part of EC of SAARC
- 2) Past President and past Secretaries of various member organisations could be part of EC group if recommended by member societies as extended EC.
- 3) Any Constitutional Amendments proposed by SAARC should be approved by member societies within specified time frame
- 4) Post of SAARC Office Bearers should be linked to current office bearers of member societies by an agreed rotation and not individual specific posts.
- 5) Any additional nominations should come from the respective EC / AGB of the Member Society. There should be no scope for nominations by individual members.
- 6) Member Societies and their AGB should contribute to the functioning of SAARC through their nominated representatives. May not need advisor posts as its questionable on basis of selection, duration of posts and no approved constitutional provisions too.
- 7) Only approved constitution by member societies should be followed at all times.
- 8) Current format of constitution having 2 years for president elect and then 2 years for President may not be in the right framework of representation by changing office of member societies. A single individual holding on to posts for 4 years is not acceptable.

Therefore the Sub Committee strongly recommends -

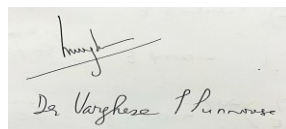
- 1- To challenge the authenticity/validity of the current constitution of SPF as it speaks differently from the minutes of the SPF EC meetings and action taken thereafter.
- 2- To clearly define the relationship between SPF and its member societies as it seems that at present there is no role of member societies in the functioning of the SPF. It appears a handful of people are running SPF without following obligations of the constitution.
- 3- To declare election of current office bearers and the EC members of the SPF *as invalid* as nowhere in IPS EC meetings and AGBM, the decision of the election of current office bearers was taken.
- 4- To declare Dr Gautam Saha's holding of the post of President or Vice President unconstitutional (Prof MVSK Raju's example which was an exception, cannot be cited as a reason to continue a post in violation of constitutional provisions)
- 5- To declare that the changes made in SPF constitution without the approval of the EC or AGB of the IPS is totally unacceptable to the IPS.

Before the end of this report, we would like to confirm that the report is prepared based on the documents made available to the IPS to date and would also like to reiterate that the Sub Committee will do its best to maintain the dignity of organizations like IPS and SPF.

Thank you,



Advisor



Dr. Varghese P. Punnoose

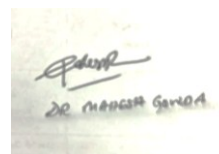
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Dear Office Bearers & EC Members of SAARC Psychiatric Federation (SPF) and Presidents and Hon. General Secretaries of SPF Member Societies

Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) has a dedicated Subcommittee on SAARC Affairs for more than a decade. Recently the subcommittee has submitted a white paper on the functioning of SPF. The subcommittee has highlighted:-

1. Absence of clarity regarding "member societies approved SPF constitution".
2. Unconstitutional functioning of SPF.
3. Very poor connect with member societies.
4. SPF constitution needs amendments and approval from member societies.

1. Absence of clarity regarding "member societies approved SPF constitution".

There seems to be confusion. When requested, SPF Secretary Office was unable to provide a copy of SPF Constitution signed /approved by member societies. IPS has a copy which was approved in 2012 in its AGBM at Kochi. This copy is similar to the copy provided recently by Dr Harishchandra Gambheera, Past President of SPF. Another copy was provided by Current President Dr Gautam Saha which differs from the first one. Dr Saha's copy has provision of the post of Vice President cum President Elect, but the first one has provision for Vice Presidents. In the absence of reply from SPF office we checked with Past President of SPF Dr (Brig) MSVK Raju. Dr Raju replied that the copy provided by Dr Gautam Saha has been approved by two national bodies Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It is surprising to note that this copy appeared for the first time in India.



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2. Unconstitutional functioning of SPF

- It is to be noted that Dr Saha is the only person who became President by dint of becoming Vice President cum President Elect. If the 2nd constitution is real one, why don't we find such examples in the short history of SPF?
- While electing some member of member society to SPF post, SPF EC is not examining his or her authorisation by the member society.
- We are aware that there has been a tradition that somebody occupying a particular post in member society will be eligible to hold equivalent post in SPF. This was not followed in Colombo EC of SPF in 2019 when the post of Vice President was given to Imm. Past Hon. General Secretary without any authorisation letter from the Executive Council of IPS. Similar things happened in SPF EC during Kolkata.

The rota approved in SPF AGB 2006 and 2017, says:

SPF AGB 2006 presided by Prof AB Ghosh (India) proposed and agreed as follows for the Presidents, Vice-President and Secretaries of the federation.

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary General
2005-2006	Pakistan		India
2007-2008	India	Bangladesh	Nepal
2009-2010	Sri Lanka	Bhutan	Pakistan
2011-2012	Bangladesh	Maldives	Sri Lanka
2013-2014	Nepal	India	Bangladesh
2015-2016	Pakistan	India	Bangladesh
2017-2018	India	Sri Lanka	Nepal
2019-2020	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh	Pakistan
2021-2022	Bangladesh	Nepal	India
2023-2024	Nepal	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
2025-2026	Pakistan	India	Bangladesh



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SPF AGB 2017 presided by Dr. (Brig) MSVK Raju (India) proposed and agreed as follows for the Presidents and Secretaries of the federation for the next ten years and the duty was given to the member association to nominate the office bearers. SPF also agreed to rotate all the officials in every two years.

Year	President	Secretary General
2017-2018	India	Nepal
2019-2020	Nepal	Sri Lanka
2021-2022	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh
2023-2024	Bangladesh	Pakistan
2025-2026	Pakistan	India

The above rota clearly indicates that the decisions approved by the AGB (2006 & 2017) of SPF were not followed. In this period, the post of President, SPF to Sri Lanka and Secretary General, SPF to India were also denied in this context.

It is essential for the SPF to address the above unconstitutional issues and ensure that future decisions are made with utmost transparency and accountability.

3. Very poor connect with member societies.

- SPF Office does not share minutes of its EC meetings and AGBM. We have experience not getting these documents even when requested.
- SPF Office should invite member societies' Presidents and General Secretaries to all meetings by sending personalised invitation. We are sorry to say that we are not receiving such invitations.



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4. SPF constitution needs amendments.

It must be understood that SPF is a federation of Societies, and it should not function as an island. It should be democratic and actively connected to current leadership of member societies. It must function under Societies Act of India as it has procured Income Tax PAN Card from India. Keeping this in mind we emphasize on / demand for:

- Authenticated SPF constitution
- Amendments to make democratic and in tune with the principles and ethos of a federation.
- Our Subcommittee on SPF has advised following amendments/ constitutional provisions:

- The President and Hon. Secretary of current office of all societies should be part of EC of SPF
- Past President and past Secretaries of various member organisations could be part of EC group if recommended by member societies as extended EC.
- Any Constitutional Amendments proposed by SPF should be approved by member societies within specified time frame

- Post of SPF Office Bearers should be linked to current office bearers of member societies by an agreed rotation and not individual specific posts. Posts of SPF should go to the corresponding posts of member society, not to any individual.



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5) Any additional nominations should come from the respective EC / AGB of the Member Society. There should be no scope for nominations by individual members.

6) Member Societies and their AGB should contribute to the functioning of SPF through their nominated representatives.

The existence of advisor posts is questionable on the basis of selection, duration of posts and absence of constitutional provisions. Immediate Past President and Imm Past General Secretary are sufficient to advice and guide.

7) Only approved constitution by member societies should be always followed.

8) Current format of constitution having 2 years for president elect and then 2 years for President may not be in the right framework of representation by changing office of member societies. A single individual holding on to posts for 4 years is not acceptable.

9) Some other points:

- Rota of office bearers posts to be redrawn after consultation with member society.
- Only approved constitution by member societies to be followed.
- Current office of SAARC is not as per constitution or the rota proposed, hence that must be kept in mind while preparing the rota.
- Official letter of Authorisation should come from the Secretary Office of Member Society after approval from Executive Council or AGB.
- Ethos of a professional body to be maintained and it should not be run by a privileged person or group of privileged persons.



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After giving thought to various aspects, we demand:

- An online meeting of current SPF EC and Presidents and General Secretaries of Member Societies to discuss and finalise amendments and formation of a new rota.
- Approval of amended constitution by the Emergency GBM of member societies within 2 months' time.

Thanking you and with kind regards,

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