

## **Minutes of meeting of the first legislative conclave of the Organized Medicine Academic Guild**

The first legislative conclave of the Organized Medicine Academic Guild was held at the historical Ramalingaswamy Board room at All India Institute of Medical Science, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director AIIMS, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Founder members of the Guild, Presidents/ presidential nominees of the following associations:

1. AIDS Society of India (AIDS India)
2. Indian Society of Anaesthesia (ISA)
3. Indian Chest Society (ICS)
4. Commonwealth Association of Health and Disability (COMHAD)
5. Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL)
6. Academic College of Emergency Experts (ACEE)
7. Emergency Medicine Association (EMA)
8. Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI)
9. Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA)
10. Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP)
11. Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM)
12. Association of Surgeons of India (ASI)

Besides these representatives from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), National Board of Examinations (NBE), Indian Council of Medical Research, Santosh Medical College Gaziabad and NABH were also present.

At the outset Dr. Praveen Agarwal welcomed the guests and expressed his appreciation to all association representatives in making to the meeting despite a short notice.

This was followed by a small presentation by Dr. Sunil Raina from Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM) on the history and future vision of the (OM). He stated that OM needs to move from a single agenda driven body (read health security) to a more broad based agenda focussing on medical education, training, patient care and research. The idea is to deliver on our vision of developing quality health care deliverable to all members of the society.

After Dr. Raina, the chairman Dr. Randeep Guleria spoke on what is expected from the Guild. He said that the Guild needs to lead healthcare in India through standardisation in medical education and research ultimately translating into benefits for patient care.

Dr. Abhijat Seth, President, NBE in his address delved on the future goals which included, developing Effective Student Loan System to address Medical Education Cost, Review DNB/FNB Pay structure across the board, Encourage DNB Emergency Medicine and DNB Family Medicine Career prospects to increase take up in these specialties, Increased focus on

skill development programme, NRHM involvement in developing infrastructure for Specialists to deliver health care

Dr. AK Dhariwal, advisor NVBDCP spoke on the urgent need to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The issue has been a focus area for the guild since its inception.

Dr. Sujeet Singh, Director NCDC, summed up his talk on Epidemiology Intelligence Service with the observations that Health and Wealth are Backbone of Security and Peace and that we have a successful model of Financial Security Monitoring: Intelligence in Wealth (STOCK MARKET). Now we need the same in health and stake Holders have to have a stake. Therefore it is Time to Unite and Work together as Healthy India is Safe India and Safe India is a Secure and Sustainable India.

Dr. Dr. Harish Nadkarni spoke on the need to incorporate Quality of Care in our day to day medical practice.

Dr. Hemant Saluja from Association of Family Physicians of India (AFPI) request the guild to take up following issues at appropriate forums; Up scaling of skills of existing family medicine practioners, utilizing the upscaled and skilled family medicine specialist at CHC/block levels to achieve universal health coverage, making the family medicine department a mandatory department for all medical colleges right from UG level(MBBS), to enhance the seats available for post graduation in family medicine, to help create job opportunities for qualified personnel, reasonable representation of the speciality at various levels of decision making and policy framing.

Dr. S. Venkat from IIM, Lucknow Offered a one year or two year program on healthcare management and patient safety including MBA in Healthcare Mgt (ISB), EMI course on HOM, courses on online platform etc. He also spoke of the involvement of IIM in strengthening research in healthcare management and special issues in IIM L, NABH and other journals.

Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi from ACEE spoke on Strengthening Emergency Care in Primary Health Care. He emphasized on using an integrated approach to management of emergencies instead of a currently compartmentalized approach in use.

Dr. Praveen Agarwal from ACEE spoke on the AIIMS Standardization of Academic Medicine by Advancing Networks of Teachers & Academies“AIIMS-SAMANTA” The EM Initiative by INDUSEM . He spoke on the need of development of such initiatives at academic institutions level to standardize teaching and training of modern medicine.

Dr. Ramesh Bhat, President, Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists (IADV), elaborated on the issue of fake drugs and fake degrees inundating India markets and medical education. He also acknowledge the role of the guild in helping address long pending issues of the Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists (IADV) at the international level.

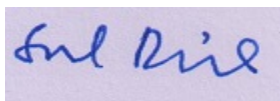
The talks were followed by discussion with active participation of the members. Discussion focused on development of national research protocol, standardization of medical education and quality of care.

Dr. I Gilada delved on the registration process of the guild. He stated that the name “Organized Medicine Academic Guild” has been accepted. He also stated that the Guild has been registered initially as a trust with three trustees and the rest of the process is in place.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and participants.

**Recommendations:**

1. Building the agenda for Annual meeting at Bangalore ( Action: core committee comprising of Dr. Ramesh Bhatt, Dr. Santosh Soans, Dr. Praveen Agarwal, Dr. Sagar, Dr. Sunil Raina and Mr. Vidyashankar).
2. Completion of registration process (Action: Dr. I Gilada)
3. Development of a National Research Protocol (Dr. Sunil Raina, Dr. Ravinder Singh)



Dr. Sunil Raina