

Convenor's Note

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The response to the Annual Scientific Session of Research Society for Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) held on the 21st December 1990 in Bangalore was overwhelming. The theme chosen, 'Carbohydrate Metabolism in Pregnancy' appears to have been the attraction. Judging from previous annual meetings, participation this time was beyond anticipation. Nearly 200 delegates registered, there were 20 guest-lecturers and invitees. Thirty post-graduate students from the departments of medicine and obstetrics and gynaecology took advantage of the session. The occasion was blessed by the presence of Dr. J. J. Hoet, President, International Diabetes Federation.

Since it was only a day's session, a limited number

of meritorious papers could only be accommodated. Nevertheless, a quick look at the papers submitted and those accepted show the great deal of work that is being done in the field of diabetes and pregnancy within the country. We can now apply our own experience and data to offer the best possible care to diabetic mothers and further bring down foetal mortality and morbidity.

The success of the scientific session was mainly due to the guidance and cooperation I had from my colleagues in Bangalore, Dr. M. M. S. Ahuja (New Delhi), Dr. B. B. Tripathy (Cuttak), Dr. S. G. P. Moses (Madras), Dr. J. J. Hoet (Belgium), the Chairpersons, Speakers, and floor participants. I thank them all.

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