

ORGANISATIONAL NEWS

Minutes of the Research Society for Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) meeting 1991

Date: 8th November, 1991.

Venue: Conference Hall, AIIMS, New Delhi

1. Nearly 100 delegates and post graduate students attended the scientific deliberations. Prof. SP Tripathi, Director General, ICMR sent his inaugural address and message through an ICMR representative. Prof. HB Chandalia delivered the presidential address on "Protein glycation in diabetes mellitus". The 1991 SGP Moses awarded oration was dedicated to International Study Group of Diabetes in Children and Adolescents (ISGD) and received on behalf of ISGD by Prof. J Ludvisson, Sweden (Title of oration: "Prediction and prevention of type I diabetes"). The theme papers focused on "Diabetes of young in India". The scientific papers presented during the free paper session, nutrition session, education session and lay session were well received.
2. The members were very conscious of the lack of drive in terms of active participation and in increasing membership of RSSDI. They suggested formation of a committee to form the front line and improve the running of the RSSDI.
3. By consensus Prof. KC Samal, Cuttack was elected as President, RSSDI for the year 1992.
4. The venue of the 1992 RSSDI meeting was decided to be Cuttack or Puri under the leadership of Prof. KC Samal. Suggested theme was "Standards of diabetes care in developing countries".
5. The annual subscription of Diabetes Bulletin will be revised by Prof. HB Chandalia. It was decided to encourage original reports. It was also suggested that the centre page should include

position/consensus statements and important declarations of IDF, WHO, ADA and BDA.

6. The meeting concluded with the felt need to invigorate the participation and involvement of the member in the activities of RSSDI.

Joint Annual Conference of API

'The 47th Joint Annual Conference of the Association of Physicians of India is going to be held at Patna from the 17th to 21st January, 1992. For further detailed informations, please contact Dr. Akhilesh Sharan, M.D.F.R.C.P., Organising Secretary, APICON-92, Professor and Head, Deptt. of Medicine, Patna Medical College, Patna-800004.'
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Inauguration of the North-Eastern Chapter of the National Diabetic Association of India

The inauguration of the North Eastern Chapter of the National Diabetic Association of India was done at Gauhati on December 14th, 1991 by the Governor of Assam, Sri Lok Nath Misra.

The Governor in his address expressed concern over the fact that on an average 10 percent of the people in the country died of diabetes and many more remained undiagnosed due to their unawareness about the disease. He urged the doctors and the media to educate the public about the evil effects of diabetes.

Dr. B.C. Barkotoky, the president of the North Eastern Chapter of the National Diabetic Association welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. Saikia, the secretary of the Association read out the detailed programmes to be undertaken by the association.

The meeting was also addressed by Mr. B. Himatsingka, the Secretary General of the National Diabetic Association of India.