



Dear Colleagues,

As I reflect on the year gone by, I am pleased to see the MDS-AOS steadily growing in stature in our Asian and Oceanian region. The educational activities in particular, under the leadership of Co-Chairs, Profs. Louis Tan and Ryosuke Takahashi, have been very well received. I would like to thank the organizers of these programs, the faculty and the participants for making these events successful. I am confident that in the coming year we shall reach out to regions where there are few or no Movement Disorders specialists.

To briefly update you with our activities, the 2010 AOS General Assembly was held on June 14th at the 14th International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders at Buenos Aires. Led by Prof. Tim Anderson, MDS-AOS Secretary (who also chaired the meeting), AOS Officers gave reports on the state of affairs in the AOS. Members were encouraged to participate in the broad variety of AOS activities held each year and to urge their national societies to apply for MDS Affiliate Membership. This membership gives member-societies access to educational funding and other benefits not available to individuals.

2009-2010 was another productive year for the MDS- AOS Education programs. Courses were held in China, India, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Recent courses include the AOS Education Summit in Kerala, India on August 28-29, 2010 and the Visiting Professor Program in Shanghai, China on October 31 – November 1, 2010, and there is an upcoming Ambassador Program in Dhaka, Bangladesh on December 3-4, 2010. This will be the first such AOS activity in Bangladesh.

The Asian Scientific Symposium on Parkinson's Disease and Restless Legs Syndrome was held in Tokyo from July 17 -18, 2010. This annual program, organized by Prof. Yoshikuni Mizuno, has been a gem of the Movement Disorders programs in the Asian and Oceanian region over the past several years. More than four hundred delegates from across the Asian region and 38 faculty members participated in this grand event. Besides the rich educational content, it also strengthened the bond of friendship amongst the Asian delegates.

The AOS is planning to bring out a quarterly e-newsletter in the second half of 2010. This AOS E-Newsletter is intended to provide movement disorders and neurology news to members and other AOS Contacts. We encourage members to submit news of the events in their region, as well as articles on regional access to treatment and care. We hope that the first edition will be available by autumn 2010.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the AOS, now is the time to consider your candidacy for the 2011 MDS Elections. The election process has already begun. If

you are interested in assuming a leadership role as an AOS Officer, a member of the AOS Executive Committee, or a member of the AOS Education Committee, please contact Catherine Breckenridge at cbreckenridge@movementdisorders.org. for more information. Descriptions of the different posts can be found on the AOS website.

I would like to remind all members and interested non-members that the 3rd Asian and Oceanian Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Congress (AOPMC) will be held from March 25-27, 2011 in Taipei, Taiwan. Travel Grants are available. For more information, please contact secretariat@aopmc2011taiwan.com or visit the website at http://www.movementdisorders.org/regional_sections/aos/aopmc/2011_aopmc_taipei. Prof Robin Wu and her team have put together an impressive program and are making all efforts to make it a very memorable event. I am sure we will all gain a lot from this event and enjoy the traditional hospitality of our gracious hosts.

It has been a great year for the AOS for which I would like to express my sincere thanks to each one of you. We are all looking forward to an even more productive and successful next year with your help and good wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bhim Singhal', written in a cursive style.

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