

The Asian & Oceanian Section of The *Movement* Disorder Society has been very active in the educational spheres over the last 3 to 4 months. A very successful meeting was run in Varanasi India which was run by Dr. Deepilela Joshi and attracted 68 delegates. A more recent meeting took place in Nanchang in China in early June, organised by Dr. Shengdi Chen, attracting approximately 100 delegates.



Varanasi, India Course



Nanchang, China Course

A very large International Meeting was also conducted by Prof. Yoshikuni Mizuno in Tokyo on Parkinson's Disease and Restless Leg Syndrome which attracted nearly 500 delegates.

Following an AOS Education Committee Meeting in Chicago it was decided that the AOS Education Committee would be expanded by an extra 4 members to try and increase the depth and expertise of the Committee to ensure that we cover as many countries to try and attract proposals for educational courses. It is extremely important for members of the AOS to look at their particular circumstance and to make applications through the AOS for educational courses if they feel that this would be an appropriate adjunct to their educational needs. The application form is available on the MDS Web site under the AOS section (www.movementdisorders.org/sections/aos) and the guidelines for applications are also available on line. It is recommended that the applicant does liaise with an AOS Officer or Executive Committee member of the AOS in order to facilitate the application and ensure that it complies with the requirements of the MDS.

Plans are still underway for the 2nd AOPMC Meeting to be held in New Delhi in India. This meeting is being co-ordinated by Prof. Madhuri Behari and the program is in the process of completion and will be available on the Web site for members to review.

This meeting will be run in conjunction with the Asian & Pacific Parkinson's Association symposium which caters to patients and care givers of people with Parkinson's, as well as Allied Health staff.

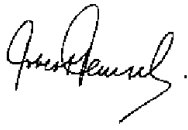
We do hope that as many members as possible from the AOS are able to attend this meeting as it will provide a great opportunity for members to network together and to obtain an update on Movement Disorders in the region. The faculty will consist of international speakers, as well as a large consortium of local speakers from within the AOS. Our last meeting in Singapore was extremely successful, enjoyable and provided a large amount of educational stimulus. The New Delhi meeting, I am sure, will be equal to the Singapore meeting in this regard and we urge all members to attend if possible.

We still require members to provide us with their educational requirements and I ask once again if you could look up the educational survey on the AOS Web site and if you have not already submitted your survey please do so as it is important for us to obtain as many responses as possible. The AOS has approximately 500 members and at the moment our tally is 124 responses so we do require as many people as possible to contribute to this very important task.

We are in the process of developing an AOS newsletter which we are planning to publish regularly on the AOS Web site and we have Tim Anderson from New Zealand and Win Lok Au from Singapore who have agreed to act as sub-editors and liaise with the MDS Web Site Committee to enable this important update for AOS membership to take place.

We are also in the process of trying to develop an educational exchange database for as many sites as possible within the AOS. The purpose of this proposal is that the information which will be placed on the AOS Web site will provide a basis for people seeking educational experience, educational exchange programs or an ability to examine service provision in different countries and could then obtain the information and make application to the prospective site which the applicant feels is most appropriate to their particular needs.

Finally, I wish to again ask members to examine the AOS Web site for details of the next AOPMC meeting in New Delhi.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Iansek', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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