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Message From

The Outgoing President



Dear Friends,

The society is three years old and just after its 3rd Anniversary we had the third conference at Armed Forces Medical College, Pune on 17 May 2003. In these three years, the society has grown from strength to strength and now we are a 144 strong team. The society is progressing well with many new members joining regularly. The financial state of the society is also comfortable. But as the main source of income is membership contribution, we must continue our drive towards making more members. I am happy to announce that the society has been granted the income tax exemption under section 81G of the IT Act 1961. This exemption is valid for a period of two years, till 31 Mar 2004.

As I mentioned during the Pune conference we must interact more, both within ourselves as well as with other organizations working in the field of Hospital Waste Management, through conduct of joint seminars and conferences. This will pump fresh blood into our system and keep the society alive throughout the year.

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We must take our presence felt both in the academic field as well as in the media. We must also interact with the Min of H & FW and Min of Environment at various for a from time to time. This will give us greater exposure, possibly some research work/ project from the govt, wider experience, and hence a positive professional stimulus.

We must give a thought towards conducting small capsule courses for health care workers in HWM. We may conduct them on our own or in association with other educational institutions such as – large hospitals conducting training of nurses and paramedical workers.

It is indeed my proud privilege to inform you that CHAF Bangalore has been adjudged as the Best Hospital Waste Management unit in the state, for which it was given a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-

The society had been active in interacting with IGNOU and WHtechnical know how on the subject of HWM, through the committee on HRD headed by Air Mshl (Retd) LK Verma, AVSM, VSM. We are also interacting with Rajiv Gandhi University of Gealth Sciences Bangalore in starting a course on HWM and awarding degrees and diplomas in the subject. I have been your president for the last one year. And I am handing over the charge to Lt Gen JR Bhardwaj, AVSM, VSM, PHS who I am sure will further the aims and objectives of the society. I am sure that the society will grow even further and make a name for itself.

It has been decided to hold the next conference at Army hospital (R&R), New Delhi on 10-11 April 2004. I am sure delegates would have already started thinking and writing papers for the next conference.

I feel very happy and honoured to have steered the society for the last one year. I am handing over with great sense of satisfaction and expectation for the future.

Wish you all the best and see you in New Delhi in the year 2004 on 10 Apr 2004.

Jai hind

SKD

Message From
The President



Dear Friends,

At the outset I extend a very warm and cordial welcome to all members of ISHWM, who have been sheet anchor of the society, since its inception three years ago.

I have been closely observing the research and development in the field of Hospital Waste Management in this country. This has been neglected area in health care set up till very recently. There is now a clear paradigm shift in the mind set of health care professionals and they are becoming aware of their responsibilities, with regards to proper disposal of Hospital Waste, thereby ensuring a clean & safe environment.

ISHWM has made rapid strides since its inception under dynamic leadership of Air Mshl (Retd) LK Verma, AVSM, VSM, the founder President and Air Mshl SK Dham, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, PHS the last president. I am sure that the society will maintain the momentum of growth and development. I solicit co-operation and creative suggestions from all members in this regard.

- JRB

Our link

Website of the Society is operational for viewing at www.medwasteind.org Please contribute with your thought. For details, please contact Surgeon Rear Admiral P Sivadas at psivadas@hotmail.com

Next meeting ground

The next conference will be held at Army Hospital (R&R), New Delhi on 10-11 April 2004. We expect sizeable number of scientific papers on different aspects of Hospital Waste

Management, like use of incinerator, chemical disinfection, SHARP Management, Common Area facility, concept of waste to energy, recycling, liquid waste management, infection control and protection to the waste handlers.

A Report On

The Third Annual Conference Of ISHWM

The third annual conference of the Indian Society of Hospital Waste Management was hosted by Armed Forces Medical College, Pune with the theme “ Biomedical Waste Management - Introspection and Implementation”, on 17-18 May 2003.

Air Marshal SK Dham, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, PHS, President, ISHWM delivered the keynote address. He expressed his satisfaction at the fact that the number of members had grown and that the trend showed acceptance of the society as a professional body. He stressed the need for the society members meeting more often amongst themselves and also interacting with professionals outside. He complimented the organizing committee and especially Col Zile Singh, the Organising Secretary of the conference for the excellent arrangements. He also commended Dr. D. Gopinath, and his team for bringing out the second issue of the journal.

Surgeon Rear Admiral P Sivadas, Secretary ISHWM presented Annual Report to the society. He highlighted the various achievements of the Society and informed the house that 35 new members had joined the society since the second annual conference. He appealed to the members to view the website and offer comments/ suggestions as well as submit material for the website. He informed the house that IT exemption case, which was being pursued with IT department, has come through and now contributors to the society will be eligible for IT benefit. The secretary informed the progress on various points discussed in AGM of 12 Apr 2002. He concluded by informing the house that two proposals on newer techniques on HWM had been received from Bangladesh and Australia, which were being studied and would be appropriately responded to by the society.

Wg Cdr Ashutosh Sharma, Treasurer ISHWM informed of the auditors' suggestion to transfer surplus funds available in saving bank to term deposits. He informed that the excess of income over expenditure for the year 2002-2003 was Rs 28,970.53. The balance sheet was approved and statement of account was unanimously passed.

Dr. D Gopinath, Editor-in-chief, Journal of ISHWM delved into the newer issues in the field of HWM, especially disposal of liquid waste. He appealed to the members to contribute articles to the ISHWM journal.

Air Mshl (Retd) LK Verma suggested the conduct of workshops for Nurses and paramedic workers to make them aware of the important subject of HWM.

Lt Gen JR Bhardwaj, AVSM, VSM, PHS DGHS (AF) was nominated as President and Prof AK Agarwal of IGNOU as Vice President of ISHWM. Lt Gen JR Bhardwaj, AVSM, VSM, PHS consented to be the President of the society. Surgeon Rear Admiral P Sivadas, Secretary informed to house that Prof AK Agarwal had consented to be the Vice President of the society. The AGM accorded their approval for the new incumbents. The Governing Council suggested the names of Air Cmde MK Mishra, Dy Comdt, CHAFB as Secretary, Dr Ramakrishna Goud of St John's Medical college, Bangalore as Joint secretary, Surg Cdr Sundeep Bhandari, JDMS (H) at Naval HQs as the Treasurer, Lt Col RS Bhatia, SO to DGHS (AF) as Joint Secretary (HQs), whereas the Editor-in-Chief and Vice President overseas chapter would continue. The house unanimously approved the election of all office bearers. Air Mshl (Retd) LK Verma on behalf of the house complemented the office bearers for the exceptional works done. He proposed a vote of thanks for the outgoing office bearers, which was unanimously approved by the house.

The President in his closing remarks thanked the office bearers for all their cooperation. He conveyed his happiness at the progress of the society including the addition of the new members. He concluded by saying that the drive for new membership must continue unabated. On first day, there were four sessions. In the first scientific session, Mr. M Suba Rao, Addl Dir Min of Environment & Forests gave an overview of Bio Medical Waste. The session was chaired by Dr. D Gopinath.

Session II was chaired by Brig NK Parmar, VrC and the speakers were Gp Capt HSR Arora, Col Zile Singh, Lt Col AK Verma, Col J Dutta, Dr. AJ Verma & Lt Col SK Kathpalia who spoke on occupational hazards and safety in Hospital Waste Management.

In the session III chaired by Maj Gen B Sadananda alternative technologies in Bio Medical waste management were discussed by Col G Ravindranath and Air Mshl (Retd) LK Verma.

In the session IV chaired by Dr. DB Acharya and role of Industry in HWM was discussed by Lt Col PC Awasthi, Col RK Chaturvedi, Mr. Santosh Kothadia, Ms Meghna Edwankar, Ms Arundhati dutta, Mr Subhada Dutta and Lt Col Rosy KO.

On the second day there was one session; chaired by AVM P Bandopadhyay, AVSM, VSM. Speakers of the day were Lt Col AK Rastogi, Lt Col SKM Rao, Dr. U Vijaylakshmi, Col A Nagendra, Dr. B Basu, Lt Col K Kalghati, Lt Col AK Verma, Col Zile Singh, Col J Dutta, Maj RK Joshi and Maj Archana Singh who spoke on Managerial Challenges in HWM.

The was followed by a Free Paper Session and the valedictory session with Lt Gen VD Tiwari, Dir & Comdt AFMC Pune as the chief Guest.

The arrangements at the conference were of highest order and matched international standards. ISHWM is grateful to Commandant AFMC and Organising Secretary of the Conference, Col Zile Singh for their full commitment and support to the conference.

ISHWM Journal

Dr. D Gopinath, Editor-in-Chief and his team deserve a standing oration. They have toiled hard and must have burnt mid-night candles, sometimes at cost of their personal comfort in bringing out second issue of ISHWM Journal, which was released at ISHWM-Con-2003. Members are requested to send materials, snaps, articles/news-cuttings/clips etc. highlighting the importance of Hospital Waste Management. The first deadline for the receipt of the articles has been decided to be 28 Feb 2004.

Update of Members' Register

All the members of the Society are requested to update the 'Register of Members'. Members are also requested to inform the Joint secretary (HQs) about any change(s) in their postal/e-mail address(es). It may also be e-mailed at psivadas@hotmail.com We aim to keep a comprehensive list of all the members with as many details as possible.

1. Title (Dr/Prof./Mr/Mrs/Miss etc.) _____
2. Last Name _____
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Membership Drive

We aim to make the Society a prominent and pioneer scientific body in the field of Hospital Waste Management. All the members of the council have been interacting with various regulatory authorities, companies manufacturing biomedical waste handling equipment and NGOs involved in the arena of environmental and related issues. But that is not enough. Every member must strive to spread the awareness. It is our desire that more and more people get acquainted with the subject of hospital waste management. Thus, all members of the Society should actively participate in the drive of making new members. You will find two membership forms enclosed with this news bulletin - please make sure that at least two new members are sponsored on your behalf- so as to increase the number of professionals committed to the good cause in the world we live in!

An illustrated guide to handling medical waste

Segregate waste

Disinfect and
mutilate sharps

Adopt safer technologies
such as autoclaves
and microwave

Don't burn chlorinated plastics

Prevent re-use of disposable

Motivate and train
all hospital personnel

Practise universal precautions

Follow the
Bio-medical Waste
Rules



Creation of Web Site

Society's web-site www.medwasteind.org has been uploaded.
Members are requested to kindly visit the site and send their

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