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Improving Health Worldwide

Challenge: tackling threat of non-communicable diseases.

GAPIO Global Healthcare Summit 2013 saw Indian Physicians across the globe coming together to contribute to the discussion on improving healthcare worldwide. The three day event was a great success.



The Executive Committee is in full agreement with Dr. Prathap C Reddy, President of GAPIO that Indian doctors should take a lead in shaping the contours of global health scenario. GAPIO needs to work closely with the Government of India and different state governments in screening programmes.

The rise in Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) will prove to be the largest cause of death and disability in India by 2020. The deaths due to NCDs in India are over 42% of all deaths resulting in significant morbidity and mortality both in urban and rural population. Similarly, there is overall prevalence of Diabetes, Hypertension, Ischemic Heart Diseases (IHD), Stroke and now the increasing incident rate of cancer in India.

It is important that we take the agenda forward by being proactive in some areas. GAPIO will be launching a comprehensive screening programme for non communicable diseases in Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh.

GAPIO is looking forward to welcome the delegates at the Mid-Term Conference on 5th and 6th July 2013 in Los Angeles, USA.

GAPIO 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE Cochin 1st - 3rd January 2013



Mr. Vayalar Ravi
Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs



Dr Prathap C Reddy
President - GAPIO



Panel of Speakers



Delegates

Anaheim California
5th-6th July 2013

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**MIDTERM
CONFERENCE**

Free plastic surgery camp at Bilaspur by GAPIO, ASIPS and Apollo Hospitals Group

The Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) in collaboration with the American Society of Indian Plastic Surgeons (ASIPS) and Apollo Hospitals Group organized a free Plastic Surgery Camp from 10th - 13th January 2013 at Apollo Hospitals Bilaspur.

Over 300 patients registered for the camp and 105 were selected for surgery after screening. A widespread campaign was held involving government and non-government organizations to invite registrations. Pre surgery screening sessions were held in November and December and a final screening was done by the surgeons on 9th January.



Press Conference

The formal inauguration of this camp was done on 9th January by Dr. Ashok Gupta, Plastic Surgeon and member of Governing Body of the Medical Council of India. Honourable Health Minister of State, Shri Amar Agrawal visited the camp on 11th January and met the operated patients. He commended the efforts of GAPIO and Apollo Hospitals. The total project cost was INR 19,25,718 (US dollars 38,514).

The operating team consisted of plastic surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and technicians from the US and India.



Postoperative Care



Shortlisted Case 1

Shortlisted Case 2



Registration

Department of State award for service

TULSA – Dr. Anil K. Kaul, associate professor of obstetrics and gynaecology and director of clinical laboratories at Oklahoma State University Centre for Health Sciences, recently received the Expeditionary Service Award from the United States Department of State.

The service award is presented to employees in the U.S. State Department who serve in designated field locations. Kaul, who served as a senior health advisor in Iraq for the U.S. Department of State, received the award for providing successful service in an arduous and difficult field location. The award included a certificate signed by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and a lapel pin.

“This award is presented in grateful recognition of your committed service in extraordinary and arduous conditions during your field assignment in Iraq,” Clinton wrote on the certificate. “In spite of constant danger and difficulty, your contribution to reconstruction, stability and peace reflect great credit on yourself and on the US Department of State.”



Kaul earned his medical degree from Madras Medical College of Madras University and dental degree from King Georges Medical College, both in India, and his master's in public health administration from the University of Minnesota School.



GAPIO President at GAPIO Stall – Cochin



Dr Prathap C Reddy, planting a tree at Cochin

Indian Physicians across the globe came together at Global Healthcare Summit 2013.....

With a view to improve healthcare worldwide, Indian Physicians from across the world came together at the Global Healthcare Summit 2013, a three day annual conference organised by Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) in collaboration with American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin and Indian Medical Association from January 1-3, 2013 in Kochi, Kerala.

GAPIO was launched to bring together 1.2 million physicians of Indian origin in the world on one professional platform. This substantial workforce of physicians is a valuable resource, which can help to mobilize significant developments in the healthcare globally. GAPIO already has representation from 21 countries.

Dr. Prathap C Reddy, President, GAPIO said, “Establishing itself as an association of the Indian medical diaspora, GAPIO is marching ahead to impact global healthcare. The moment has arrived for the Indian doctors to take a lead in shaping the contours of global health scenario.” Dr. Reddy stressed that GAPIO would like to work closely with the Government of India and different state governments in screening programmes.

Dr Reddy said that GAPIO will launch a comprehensive screening programme for non communicable diseases in Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh as a pilot which will then be replicated in other parts of the country.

According to Dr. Ramesh Mehta, Secretary General, GAPIO, an exchange programme to facilitate senior faculty exchange across institutions in India and other countries will also be launched this year.

“The President's Council of GAPIO has resolved to draw a large number of members from the fields of research and academics this year to help achieve its objectives. GAPIO will also focus on encouraging young physicians to participate in exchange programmes across the globe,” said Dr Anupam Sibal, Joint Secretary, GAPIO.

Having held conferences in Delhi, Birmingham, Hyderabad, New Jersey and Kochi, GAPIO will hold its third midyear conference at Los Angeles in June 2013 to carry forward the agenda of the organisation. By the end of 2013, GAPIO will have representatives from more than 25 countries.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING January 2013



PROMOTING HEALTH VOLUNTEERING IN INDIA
THE GREATER MANCHESTER INITIATIVE

Professor Rajan Madhok led the coordination of a major drive in Manchester on, 1st June 2013 for volunteers in the health sector in the UK.

The initiative as part of Greater Manchester Centre for Global Volunteering held at the University Hospital of South Manchester.

Prof. Madhok, Chairman of the project said, “ The one day workshop was successful and opportunity to interact with people who are already Involved in supporting health developments. It was a great opportunity to discuss the future programme of work in India for the Centre and how we could support each other to create more effective, efficient and economic ways of sustainable volunteering.”.

Effective: delivering high quality outcomes by well trained volunteers
Efficient: delivering timely, responsive and context tailored services
Economic: deliver outputs which add value at the lowest possible cost
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The workshop ended on a positive note, highlighting the existing projects and considerable potential for networking amongst different organisations in India and the UK, leading to the development of links between the two countries and partnerships between different organisations. It was agreed to form a link between his charity looking after slum children’s health in Mumbai with Mustard Tree, a charity looking after homeless in Manchester, so opening up Manchester to Mumbai route with possibility of signing an MOU between the AIIMS Network and Manchester Centre.

4th Annual Conference
11th-12th January 2014
Kolkata

MIDTERM CONFERENCE
5th-6th July 2013
LOS ANGELES, USA

Sushruta:
“the father of Indian surgery and ophthalmology”

Sushruta is the most celebrated physician and surgeon in India. Though he practiced during the 5th century B.C., many of his contributions to medicine and surgery preceded similar discoveries in the Western world.



Sushruta devotes a complete volume of his experiences to ophthalmologic diseases. In the Uttar Tantrum, Sushruta enumerates a sophisticated classification of eye diseases complete with signs, symptoms, prognosis, and medical/surgical interventions. In particular, Sushruta describes what may have been the first extracapsular cataract surgery using a sharply pointed instrument with a handle fashioned into a trough. His ability to manage many common eye conditions of the time with limited diagnostic aids is a testament to his virtuosity.

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