

Conference, society and coffee!

Editorial

Let us begin the year 2020 by congratulating Dr Prajnya Ranganath, Dr Ashwin Dalal and their team for successfully conducting the 6th annual conference of the society. We are overwhelmed by the magnitude of the event, array of speakers and scientific deliberations. With nearly 300 participants, this meeting has set tough goals for Dr Shubha Phadke who will be hosting the next year's conference at Lucknow.

The galaxy of speakers from India and abroad, reflected on current status of clinical care and research on genetic neuromuscular disorders. The enthusiastic participation of the next generation scientists who put up a high number of scientific abstracts, is noteworthy. The thoughts and discussions on collaborating at various levels (internal and international) can be expected to seed further joint efforts. We also thank the Indo US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) for constantly supporting educational activities of our society. It would not have been possible to have a large number of eminent scientists from the USA to visit us without their financial support.

The society held its annual general body meeting along the side-lines of the event. Again, the interest and active participation of the members was commendable. It is heartening to note our society is growing fast day by day and with its size

and composition, we need to shoulder a greater responsibility of guiding clinicians, researchers, public and policymakers in the right direction of genomic healthcare.

The current issue brings you a variety of articles on treatment of genetic disorders; do not miss the Genexpress coverage on coffee as a therapy for a genetic disease! We also have a review of antisense oligonucleotide therapy in this issue. Also, please note the activities of UK-India Genomic Medicine Alliance (UKIGMA) and Indo-UK Genetic Education Forum.

These are exciting times for medical genetics and it calls for enhanced vigour and commitment on part of the society, its members and editorial board of Genetic Clinics to improve testing, treatment and teaching in our country. Time to have some caffeine!

Wish you all a great new year 2020!



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