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We hope all our members had a joyous holiday season and we wish you and your families a wonderful New Year and a very Happy Sankranti. Despite a record breaking year of hurricanes, cold snaps, and bomb cyclones (!!), ATMGUSA members have been hard at work here and abroad. Healthcare in India is on the cusp of many changes, which will be highlighted in this issue. The newly minted cardiac resuscitation guidelines and the developing NMS policy reform for medical education are key areas of interest.



Our members continue to be very active and we like hearing about your vision, pursuits, and accomplishments. Please email any exciting achievements or community service projects to secretary@atmgusa.org. It may be featured in our next newsletter! We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at one of our future events.

GAPIO



The 8th annual GAPIO conference, held at The Westin, Mumbai from January 5-7th, 2018, was attended by many of our Telugu delegates from USA, led by past president of GAPIO, Dr. Sanku Rao. Dr. Ravi Bathina and Dr. VK Raju were invited faculty. Dr. Raju was also nominated to EC of GAPIO. Dr. Anupama Gotimukula and Dr. Ravi Kolli were also in attendance.

Dr. Anupama Gotimukula moderated the "ISA Resuscitation Guidelines" presentation by Dr. Moied and Dr. SSC Chakra Rao. With the help of the ISA Borivali Anesthesiologist Team, they trained 100 kids from Witty International School in COLS.



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AAPJ News

YPS and MSRF Winter Medical Conference will be taking place at the Palazzo in Las Vegas on February 16-19. The conference continues to grow and impress every year. Invited speakers include special guests like Poonam Alaiigh, former undersecretary of Veteran Affairs. Discounted rooms and registration available at <https://www.aapiyps.org/Events/WMC>. Discounted rooms available till February 3rd, so register soon!

The fall governing body was a well-attended event in Troy, Michigan. MAPI graciously hosted the event and attendees learned about cervical cancer and vaccines at opening dinner. Senior and junior members had an opportunity to meet and inspire each other. YPS members **Dr. Soumya Neravetla** and **Dr. Swati Yelamanchi** were elected to the nomination committee.



Dr. Lokesh Edara spearheaded an initiative which led to AAPJ's endorsement of the White Coat Ceremony in India. A letter was sent to MCI encouraging them to add this event to the "Fresher's Day" of their medical school. The ceremony will be memorable for students, parents and faculty.

The AAPJ fall journal has been delivered. The journal is full of interesting articles including submissions by ATMGUSA members **Dr. B. K. Kishore** and **Dr. Surender R. Neravetla**. We encourage you to peruse the journal and submit for the next issue.

With strong support from ATMGUSA's own **Dr. Lokesh Edara**, AAPJ sent Dr. Jayashree Mehta, President of MCI, a letter of endorsement for mandatory requirement of Family Medicine Department. There are currently very limited programs and seats available, thus primary care and community healthcare are vastly underserved.



AAPJ hosted a very successful Global Health Summit in Kolkata. **Dr. Satish Kathula** and **Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda** both spoke at the event. Pre and post summit tours were enjoyed by many members. AAPJ signed an MOU with the Assam Ministry of Health.

Discounted early bird registration for the Convention is now available at <https://aapiconvention.org>. The Convention will take place in the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH from July 4 – 8.

Upcoming Events

YPS WMC: Feb 16-19, 2018
Palazzo, Las Vegas, NV

ATA/NATA/TATA: July 2018
Philadelphia, PA

AAPJ: July 4-8, 2018,
Columbus, OH

KMCANA: July 8, 2018
Philadelphia, PA

AMCANA: July 27, 2018
Las Vegas

GMCANA: September 1-3, 2018
Crowne Plaza, Atlanta

OGKTMA: October 5-6, 2018
Hilton San Francisco Bayfront
www.ogkma.com

CPR and More...

As many of you know, there has been much room for improvement in the state of emergency care in India, especially for cardiac arrest in the community. Recently, India developed its own Cardiac Resuscitation Guidelines. Under the guidance of Dr. SSC Chakra Rao and the Cardiac Resuscitation Council of India, these Resuscitation Guidelines are developed with a goal to be accessible to every household and affordable to the medical community! The <http://cprindia.in> website was officially launched. The guidelines aim to disseminate education as follows:

1. COLS: Compression Only Life Support for laypeople
2. BCLS: Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support for paramedics and medics outside the hospital
3. CCLS: Comprehensive Cardiopulmonary Life Support (analogous to ACLS) for personnel inside the hospital.

Our members have been very busy facilitating dissemination of the new guidelines. ATMGUSA is proud of all the selfless hard work its members have donated to these successful events.



Dr. Suresh Reddy was invited as a special guest and honored at the release of these Guidelines on CPR resuscitation by the Indian Society of Anesthesiology (ISA) in Kolkata in Nov 2017.

Dr. Lokesh Edara has been very active throughout the process. With his support, the RMC alumni fund raised \$15,000 for equipment and TANA sponsored another school camp.

With the help of the Indian Society of Anesthesiology-Guntur Chapter, Dr. Radhika, Dr. Prashanthi, and Dr. Anupama Gotimukula coordinated and led COLS training done for 400 high school students and teachers of



ZPHS,
Markapuram,
Prakasam
Dt, Andhra
Pradesh on
January
3rd, 2018.



Dr. Suresh Reddy addressed a group of medical students from RMV Medical college in Hyderabad regarding career development.

NMC Bill

In December, the Minister of Health and Family Welfare introduced the National Medical Commission Bill to reform the medical education sector. If it is passed, the NMC will eventually replace the MCI. which has been under scrutiny for corruption and unethical practices.

Dr. Lokesh Edara has been heavily involved in this process. He has created a forum for discussion by facilitating coordination amongst Vice chancellors, Principals of Medical Colleges, and students across India and between the Indian Medical Association and Global Medical Association.

A comprehensive summary of the bill is beyond the scope of this newsletter, but a few highlights of the bill include:

1. The Bill allows practitioners of Ayurveda and other traditional Indian systems of medicine the

license to prescribe allopathic drugs after they have passed a 'bridge course.'

2. A National Medical Commission (NMC) will consist of 25 members, appointed by the central government.

a. The government, under the National Medical Commission (NMC), can dictate guidelines for fees up to 40% of seats in private medical colleges.

4. There will be a uniform National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to undergraduate medical education in all-medical and a mandatory exit exam

AAPI and ATMG members input has also been invited. The bill is quite extensive. Members interested in reviewing the bill may send request to secretary@atmgusa.org and a copy will be emailed to you.

Member Profile: Dr. Dattatreyudu Nori

ATMGUSA is excited to congratulate **Dr. Dattatreyudu Nori** on being honored as "Living Legend in Cancer Treatment" at the second Indian Cancer Congress held at Bangalore. He is an alumnus of Kurnool Medical College, Osmania Medical College, and Memorial Sloan- Kettering Cancer Center. He is currently a Professor and Executive Vice-Chairman of the Radiation Oncology department at The New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College. In addition, Dr. Nori is Chairman of Radiation Oncology and Cancer Center Director at The New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens.



Dr. Nori is one of the world's leading pioneers and experts in brachytherapy. He has held various important positions in the American Cancer Society and has served as principal investigator for many clinical trials.

Dr. Nori has been honored nationally and internationally. The American Cancer Society conferred him with the prestigious "Tribute to Life" award. Notably in 2015, he was awarded Padma Shri, by the Government of India, for his contributions in the field of medicine. Despite his numerous accolades, Dr. Nori remains dedicated to teaching and his clinical practice.

Congratulations Dr. Nori! ATMGUSA is proud of your achievements! You are an inspiration to us all.