

From the President Desk



BOA poised for a new era

The BOA has grown from the small 250 strong body it was when I was the Secretary of the BOA about 10 yrs ago to a nearly 1000 strong body today, and I wonder whether I will be able to do justice to the post of President of this August body. Only time will really tell, but I most certainly aim to try and make this a most glorious year for the BOA, and in this I am glad I have the unstinted support of my Secretary Dr. T P Lahane.

It is customary for the President to declare his vision for the year ahead, And for this year the key vision will be "Advancement". Advancement of the scientific temper of the BOA, Advancement of the numbers of the BOA and last but not the least advancement of the moral fibre of the BOA.. This last is probably the most difficult in this age of competition and materialism, but I intend to promote the quaint, sometimes archaic, but nevertheless still true, notion that honesty and transparency is the best policy.

Besides the usual monthly CMEs and the annual conference, which all members have grown to expect, we also plan to improve the quality of the scientific offerings during the year. So far many of the symposia have been held on the basis of higher speaker numbers, to boost participation. We are going to try an experiment where we have fewer speakers and larger audience interest. This format will be applicable to both the regular CMEs and the annual conference. And in order to increase participation by the rank and file of the BOA members, we are planning to give the internet more prominence.



The brand new managing committee of the BOA

The existing BOA mailing list will be more actively promoted (It now has about 450 members which is about half the total membership of the BOA) for discussion of matters of topical interest to the members, and all news, and information about the BOA programs will be available on the internet even a little before the actual mailers go out. I believe that almost all BOA members do have access to the internet today, and this emphasis will go a long way in making the members more aware of what happens in the BOA. Matters discussed at the Managing committees meetings too will wherever possible, be posted on the BOA website, so the ordinary members too are aware of what their office bearers are planning.

In order to do all this successfully we the office bearers of the BOA need the full and unstinting support and cooperation of each and every member of the BOA. I therefore appeal to everyone to lend us this support as it is only with this support that we can scale great heights. I have also given some thought to what a President must be in order to lead an organization like the BOA. He must be deliberative: I think I am; he must be decisive: I think I can learn that; and he must know how to carry the rank and file with him: and for that I need your help.

Dr S S Bhatti
President BOA

We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can only fly by embracing one another. ~Luciano de Crescenzo

Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best. ~Henry van Dyke



Handing over the baton

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Dr. S. S. Bhatti
HON. President

Dr S S Bhatti is a practicing Ophthalmologist who has been elected President of the Bombay Ophthalmologists' Association for the year 2007-2008. He passed his MBBS (1980) and MS (ophthalmology)(1984) from the Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Bombay after which he had an illustrious teaching career at the L T Medical College and Hospital (Sion Hospital), The GS Medical College and KEM Hospital and the Somiaya Medical College. He is at present in Private Practice at Chembur and Sewri and is attached to the Wockhardt Hospital, to the Pramukhswamy Eye hospital and to the Central Railway Hospital, Byculla. He has interests in all branches of Ophthalmology as well as in Photography, Computers and Teaching. He has occupied several prestigious academic posts including that of the Secretary of the Bombay Ophthalmologists' Association, The Editor of the Bombay Ophthalmologists' Association, and is on the editorial board of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology and the Journal of the Maharashtra Ophthalmologists' Association.



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101 of these are suture less cataract surgery camps 2000
Has so far performed 1 Lakh cataract Sx (Highest in world today)
Has developed dept of Ophthalmology Sir J. J. Hospital is present state of art institute



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From the Secretary's Desk.

Dr. Gangar and Dr. Ahuja have done excellently for the past year, looking after the BOA. With Dr. Bhatti. as the President, our team will make all efforts to make BOA. a leading association.

I want this association to be of the members, for the members and by the members. Dr. Bhatti has outlined our vision for advancement in academics. Besides that we need to grow as a strong united force, a lobby or union. The problems faced by members with regards to registration, BMC, will be supported by BOA.

Ophthalmology is an expensive branch with a lot of our hard earned money spent in machinery and equipments. Communication with trade and injustice done to members will be looked after. Mumbai is now becoming a hub for a large number and consumer cases. Hence Medico-legal aspects should be given due importance and BOA would support those who are right.

I request all our members to unite to prevent rising number of consumer cases. Associations like DOS have an attendance of 3000+ for their annual conference. It is our endeavors to improve the scientific standards of our conferences with your inputs and support. Mumbai is the trade capital of India and we can together make it the ophthalmology capital too.



The old order giveth way to the new

Following topics, dates and venue was finalized for the CME.

Date, Month	Topics	Venue	Name	Tel. No.
27 th May, 2007	Case Presentation	Nair Hospital	Dr. Anjali Nicholson	9820276203
17 th Jun, 2007	MICS and Phaco SICS	Sir J. J. Hospital	Dr. Ragini Parekh	9867872333
22 nd Jul, 2007	Medical And Surgical Retina	Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital Pvt. Ltd.	Dr. S . Natarajan	9820041419
19 th Aug, 2007	Glaucoma	Somaiya Hospital	Dr. Shanta Motwane	9820338252
28,29,30 Sep	Annual Conference BOA			
14 th Oct, 2007	Spectacles, Contact Lens, Low visual Aids	Lotus Hospital	Dr. Mustafa Parekh	9820022743
24 th Nov, 2007	Oculoplasty	Dr. D. Y. Patil Hospital	Dr. Neeta Shanbhag	9322402424
16 th Dec, 2007	Cornea and Refractive Surgery	Sion Hospital	Dr. Arjun Ahuja	9820118832
6 th Jan, 2008	Pediatric Ophthalmology	KEM Hospital	Dr. Chhaya Shinde	9833581142
17 th Feb, 2008	Medico Legal Aspects and Practice Management	Hinduja Hospital	Dr. B. K. Nayak	9821091738
16 th Mar, 2008	What is new in Ophthalmology?	Saifee Hospital	Dr. Quresh Maskati	9820078357

Annual Overseas BOA Conference Time (Month) and Destination to be finalised.

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Details of CME on 27th May 2007

- Topic : Presentation and discussion of interesting cases
 - Venue : Nair Hospital • Time :9.30AM - 2.00 PM , with Lunch.
- For the cases presentation at Nair Hospital , those Members who wish to get cases for discussion are requested to contact **Dr. Anjali Nicholson**(Convener) • Cell:98202 76203

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