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From the President's Desk

Running an organization like the BOA is not an easy task. But if you get access to the relevant expertise and motivated members, it runs itself. The question then arises: how do you get the right help and motivated members? Without perhaps realizing it we must have done something right because the 1st 2 functions of the BOA: the CME at Nair Hospital and the CME at Sir J. J. Hospital were runaway successes. This set me thinking to try and analyze the reasons why we have succeeded so far.

First: Communication: we have managed to communicate amongst our members like never before. This has been thanks to the e-mail discussion group which sees active discussions daily. This communication not only gives members access to what the managing committee is doing but also gives the managing committee access to the members' expertise, desires and opinions. The newsletter in print complements this, as well as communicates with those members who do not like email.

Second: Team work: Both the CMEs owe their success to the excellent teamwork in the institutions that organized them: Dr Anjali Nicholson's team at Nair Hospital as well as Dr T P Lahane's team (with special mention to Dr Ragini Parekh) at the Sir J. J. Hospital. And of course this would be nothing without the team work of the various BOA members who added substance and spice to these functions.

One of the things I have learnt from Dr Lahane is the way he inspires teamwork amongst his team. He never believes anything he does can fail and his belief is infectious.

Third: A feeling amongst members that they own the BOA, and that it is THEIR OWN organization. Lots of



members grumble to us about various things wrong with us and we see this as a sign that they feel they are entitled to grumble and thus that the BOA is THEIR organization. While we may not always be able to satisfy everybody due to our own limitations, I definitely see this feeling of belonging as an effective prod to us to attain greater heights.

Dr S S Bhatti
President BOA

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is a progress.
Working together is a success.

Individuals score points, but teams win games.
- Zig Ziglar

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together.



**Secretary's Report
Dr T P Lahane**

Dear Friends,
I am overwhelmed by the fantastic response to the CME Live Surgery Workshop' on SICS. Phaco, MICS, conducted by my Department on 17th June 2007.

It was attended by atleast 210 delegates and students. I thanks the faculty of operating surgeons Dr. Keiki Mehta, Dr. Yogesh Shah, Dr. Hanumant Bhosale (Parbhani), Dr. Navneet Toshnival (Sholapur), Dr. B.K. Nayak, Dr. Shashi Kapoor, Dr. S.S. Bhatti, and Dr. Ragini for enthraling the audience with various techniques.

Dr. Kirit Mody, Dr. Ranjit Maniar, Dr. Motwane, Dr. Kulin Kothari, Dr. Anjali Nicholson, Dr. Yasmin Bhagat, Dr. Nita Shanbhag kept up a lively interation with the audience. Dr. Vaishal Kenia presented on video on MICS. About 30 residents and delegates took part in the wet lab on SICS and phaco on goats eyes.

I thanks my faculty Dr. Bhagat, Dr. Ragini, Dr. Preetam, Dr. Sujata, my residents, O. T. Staff under leadership of Maruti Shelar, my OPD Staff for their assistance in organizing the workshop. The lunch served by Mr. Mane was appreciated by all. Slowly but surely, the association seems to be coming together. There is a distinct feeling of 'us' which touched me during the CME.

I am glad that people have started approaching us with their medicolegal difficulties.

Another set of problem most of us are facing are government laws, BMC rule, the nursing home registration act.

We are making efforts to make things easier for us and to keep informed about the correct legal approach, your rights and duties.

TASS-Toxic Anterior Segment Syndrome. Incidence increasing, so much discussion on email. It is due to MoisolPFS in some cases. Dr. Vaishal Keniya has spofen on behalf of BOA to FDC people. They are testing all the batches of MoisolPFS. PI hold on use of Moisol PFS till further clarification from company. But also note is there any change in O.T., strilization protocol, also check IOLs while opening, ringer lactate

bottle etc.
The moment you see the TASS please give high dose Steroids systemically to reduce damage to trabecullae meshwork.
Good News

There is very good news for all those who have a nursing home and were grappling with the change of user problem.

All those who have registered their nursing homes before march 2007 no longer need change of user. Those who try to register the nursing home for the 1st time after 31march 2007 however will still require change of user.

The relevant circular dated today can be downloaded from the boa web site:

Before I sign off, I would like to tender an apology. In the last BOA news, Dr. Kokila was mentioned in the credits though she was not present during the CME.

Some snippets for our BOA News Letter:
Modern Time – Changing Times ? Or Changing Ethics?

Topic – Phacoemulsification Surgery.

Indication : Presence of natural crystalline lens in the eye.

Contra indication : Pseudophakia.

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Help! help! I Cannot see too well, Aren't these any Ophthalmologist around ? I wear these are so many cataract surgery, Who've give me assurances, that a phaco with IOL would do wonder for my vision, But isn't there any clinician around? As, I shill cannot see too well hanky lean thrown around , from part to pillar as all I wanted was a correction of my Refractive error !

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CME SICS, at Sir J. J. Hospital on 17th June 07

