

CME at Sion Hospital on 11th May 2008

I am happy to inform you that our sister organization MOS (Maharashtra Ophthalmological Society) has felicitated Dr. Keiki R. Mehta and Dr. T. P. Lahane at their meeting held on 25th May 2008 at Pune on getting "PADMASHREE" awards awarded by the Govt. of India on Republic Day this year. I congratulate them and I wish many more sparkling diamonds like Mehtas and Lahanes from the mine of our BOA in the coming years.

I am also happy to inform that our BOA's Annual Conference Organizing team of Dr. T.P. Lahane, Dr. B.K. Nayak Dr. Preetam Samant & Dr. Ragini Parikh are doing wonderful work in confirming the venue for the annual conference at Grand Hyatt/Grand Maratha. We are also advertising about this conference in the International Ophthalmology related conferences to attract more foreign

delegates. I request all BOA members to register with Dr.Preetam Samant for this annual conference and each & every member should register themselves immediately by paying a nominal registration fee of Rs.500/-. I also thank the Managing Committee for reducing the registration fee to Rs.500/-

This months quote: *"Intelligence and capability are not enough. There must be the joy of doing something beautiful"*. – Late Dr. G. Venkataswamy (Great Ophthalmologist doyen in this era from Arvind Eye Care System, Madurai)

Dr.S.Natarajan
President-BOA

From the Secretary's Desk

A superb start to the year with the Ocular Trauma CME at Sion being a great success. A total of 14 speakers kept a 150 strong audience glued to their seats. Slide quiz between each presentation kept the audience alert and totally involved. A sumptuous lunch saw the day end at 3 pm. Many congratulations to Dr. Arjun Ahuja, Dr. Chaya Shinde and their team for the wonderful organization.

Our decision to Rate every BOA CME seems to have borne fruit. CME evaluation forms distributed among the audience brought forth various responses and suggestions. For starters everyone thoroughly appreciated the content of the lectures as well as the organization. There was however some concern about the speakers exceeding the allotted time and taking this into account we will make sure that future CME talks are time bound.

Registration for Focus 2008 has crossed 130. I request all members to register early so as to avail the early bird registration fees, which is only Rs. 500/-. Also any suggestions for Focus 2008 are always welcome, so, do email me your views on pms_ham@yahoo.co.uk



"PADMASHREE" AWARDEES felicitated by - MOS



Dr.T.P.Lahane



Dr.Keiki Mehta

Member's Corner

• Dr.S.Natarajan is the only invited Indian faculty for 11th Vitreoretina Symposium Marburg-Frankfurt 2008 (Germany) on 15th-17th May 2008.



Dr.Preetam Samant , Dr. Anupam Malpani, Dr.Ajay Dudani , Dr. Nishikant Borse have attended the Euretina conference on 22nd-25th May 2008.

• Dr.Quresh R.Maskati was invited faculty for the 9th International DRY EYE & DACRYOLOGY Conference in Istanbul, on May 16-18. He presented 3 papers & moderated one session. He was the only Indian faculty.

• Dr.S.Natarajan is the only invited Indian faculty for 8th Euretina Congress held at Vienna 2008 on 22-25th May 2008.

• Dr. Kanti Mody was appointed as Director of Ophthalmological Department Jaslok Hospital by the Board of Trustees of Jaslok Hospital

Members who have attended such conferences/achievements may kindly inform the President/Secretary, BOA for printing in the BOA newsletter every month.

First announcement of JULY CME

Squint and Neuro Ophthalmology BOA CME at Jaslok Hospital.

Date:

Sunday 20th July 2008

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Registration is free but compulsory.
Details of the CME will be announced shortly.



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Greetings from the desk of President,



It is a really a great honour to lead one of the oldest associations in the country. I am working for BOA from 1989 and later served as a Managing Committee Member for several years and served as a

Secretary in the year 1997-98. My dream is to make BOA as one of the best Ophthalmologists' Association in the country and in the world and for this team work is inevitable. I have formed several sub committees and I am happy to interact with all the groups and bringing their proposal to the Managing Committee and take appropriate action to strengthen their views/suggestions. I would like to quote a Thirukkural here "By giving live with praise. There is no greater profit to man than that".

Diabetic Retinopathy, Age Related Macular Degeneration & Glaucoma being the most common cause of blindness in the present era, I have formed three sub-committees. The present statistics show Diabetic Retinopathy 1.6%, ARMD 4.7% & Glaucoma 3.1% of the total

population. So many people suffer from these in Mumbai. If this is highlighted in the public we should get more patients at an early date and in turn patients will benefit because they are encouraged to go to local ophthalmologists for early check up.

June 10th is celebrated as Dr. Balachandra's day in Maharashtra as Professional of Leonine stature to promote Prevention of Blindness. I suggest every member to put in Dr. Balachandra's professionalism in their career. Hence I request every member of BOA to be proud of Dr. Balachandra's day.

July 1st is being celebrated as Doctors' Day. Hence we will print posters to promote Eye Donation and send to all the Ophthalmologists who are Members of BOA to display them in their Clinics.

BOA will join AMC (Association of Medical Consultants, Mumbai) in their Blood Donation Drive & Organ Donation Drive awareness programme. We have decided in the Managing Committee Meeting that BOA will request AMC also to include Eye Donation Drive. If AMC agrees, we will send posters to all the Centers organized by AMC on Sunday 29th June 8.a.m. to 2p.m.