

CAPGAN

18th COUNCIL MEETING

16th November, 4pm

Taipeh, Taiwan

MINUTES

The following members attended the meeting.

Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed, President & Chairman (Bangladesh)

Dr. Bhupinder Sandhu, Past President (UK)
Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, Past President (Pakistan)
Dr. Neelam Mohan (India)
Dr. Anupam Sibal (India)
Dr. Iqbal Memon (Pakistan)
Dr. Ahmed Laving (Africa)
Dr. Pujitha Wickramasinghe (Srilanka)
Dr. Nuzhat (observer) (Bangladesh)
Dr. Huma Arshad (observer) (Pakistan)

The following issues, from the previous CAPGAN Council Meeting Minutes were discussed.

Issues regarding the last CAPGAN Conference.

1. No Treasurer's Report as yet submitted. Dr Susan Hill would be asked to submit the Report in next two weeks.
ACTION: Susan
2. Fund raising for CAPGAN proposals:
 - Zulfiqar B – IPA (International Pediatric Association) will have a lot of change as part of its 6 year plan. Currently there is one representative from FISPGHAN. It was suggested that CAPGAN could offer a representative.
 - Bhupinder S explained that 6 yrs ago we were in debt but in the last couple of years, a lot of effort was made in fund raising and hopefully we should have a good surplus now.
3. Africa : Zulfiqar and Bhupinder suggested we should create an Africa – Asia interface. Many countries in Africa are already in CAPGAN but perhaps a wider collaboration is required.
 - Ahmed L – suggested a meeting in Africa soon. Presently Dr. Fredwere is the President

of ?IAP in Kenya. It was suggested that Ahmed and he could discuss a potential meeting in association with CAPGAN.

- Zulfqar informed the meeting that there would be a diarrhea programme launched in Africa in 1st week of April 2012 and for further information, we would need to speak with various Pediatric and Neonatology Associations.
- It was emphasized by most of the members, including Neelam, Anupam and Iqbal, that it is time to include more African countries within CAPGAN. Options of doing so were discussed.

4. Changes in Constitution -

Barbara G already sent a Draft Amended Constitution to all. Iqbal Memon said he had not received it. Barbara would be asked to send it again (Done BG). All those in receipt, please acknowledge and comment within 2 weeks.

5. Website changes - The work of website was given to Heidi S. It was decided that the Secretariat would check from her its status.

6. International Recognition of CAPGAN:

- Since CAPGAN is presently the only group which represents Asia and Africa and is involved in 2 major issues regarding child health, namely diarrhea and nutrition, we carry a lot of responsibility and must work for its good international recognition.
- Meeting with Commonwealth Secretariat.
- Link between Commonwealth Secretariat and CAPGAN is important, otherwise

recognition would be an issue. (See previous Emails re the Meeting and its outcomes BG).

- Dr. Neelam M suggested that we should work on multicentre research projects. Bhupinder suggested that it should be an association of a senior and a young investigator.

7. Next Meeting – Sri Lanka

Dr. Pujitha W confirmed that the next Conference would be held in Sri Lanka. Zulfiqar B stated that the meeting would get diluted and lose its very purpose if combined with the national pediatric association meeting. He was keen for a stand-alone meeting like the London meeting. Bhupinder S and Tahmeed A agreed. Pujitha W thought that this was possible and said he would discuss the availability of dates back home and revert. There was a Pediatric meeting in the last week of November 2012 in Sri Lanka where Tahmeed A, Zulfiqar B and Anupam S would be participating. So this team was given the responsibility to finalize dates with the local organizing team and inform the conference secretariat.

The CAPGAN meeting in Sri Lanka would be a 2 day meeting.

7. Membership: Dr. Huma Arshad from Pakistan and Dr. Nuzhat from Bangladesh were included as new CAPGAN members.
 - a. Neelam M asked for more information regarding inclusion of new members.
 - b. Bhupinder suggested that they had to provide their CVs and if approved, they could be included as members. They could either pay immediately or at the next meeting.

(Update: BG has emailed both but no responses as yet)

- c. Once the new members are enrolled, their names, address , mobile no. and email id should be included in the website. (!?)
 - d. Neelam M said there were 3 names from India who were keen for membership.
8. Tahmeed A then thanked all. The Minutes of the meeting was written by Dr. Neelam Mohan.