



**Summarized Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the  
INDO-US Academic Council for Emergency and Trauma (ACET-2009)  
30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008  
PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Coimbatore, India**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual INDO-US ACET- 2009 was attended by the following Councilors:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MCI-recognized Medical College</b>
<i>Dr Utpala Kharod</i>	<i>Dean of Paramukhswamy Medical College, Gujarat</i>
<i>Dr B.J. Shah</i>	<i>Dean of BJ Shah Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat</i>
<i>Dr N. Chidambaram</i>	<i>Dean of Rajah Muthiah Medical College, Tamil Nadu</i>
<i>Dr A. Danial Joseph</i>	<i>MGM Medical College, Mumbai, Maharashtra</i>
<i>Dr Anita Sharma</i>	<i>Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences, Dehradun</i>
<i>Dr Anuradha</i>	<i>Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi</i>
<i>Dr Aruna C. Ramesh</i>	<i>MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore, Karnataka</i>
<i>Dr Ashish Balla</i>	<i>Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education, Chandigarh</i>
<i>Dr Ashok Upadhyaya</i>	<i>Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Andhra Pradesh</i>
<i>Dr C.R. Shivakumar</i>	<i>Shri Sai Kirupa Hospital, Gulberga, Karnataka</i>
<i>Dr C.S. Prakash</i>	<i>Rajah Muthiah Medical College, Tamil Nadu</i>
<i>Dr Caracilo N. Fernandes</i>	<i>Goa Medical College, Goa</i>
<i>Dr Devesh Patel</i>	<i>Medical College, Vadodara, Gujarat</i>
<i>Dr Dipesh Dutta Roy</i>	<i>Medical College, Vadodara, Gujarat</i>
<i>Dr Kalpana V. Kelkar</i>	<i>B.J Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra</i>
<i>Dr Kamal Kishore</i>	<i>Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute, Uttar Pradesh</i>
<i>Dr L.R. Murmu</i>	<i>All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr Mabel Vasnaik</i>	<i>St.John's Medical College, Bangalore, Karnataka</i>
<i>Dr Praveen Aggarwal</i>	<i>All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr S. Sundarakumar</i>	<i>PSG Institute of Medical Sciences &amp; Research, Tamil Nadu</i>
<i>Dr Sandeep Sahu</i>	<i>Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute, Uttar Pradesh</i>
<i>Dr Sanjeev Bhoi</i>	<i>All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi</i>
<i>Dr Sankalp Dwivedi</i>	<i>Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences, Maharashtra</i>
<i>Dr S. Sathishkumar</i>	<i>Medical College, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh</i>
<i>Dr Shalini K. Thombre</i>	<i>Smt. Kashibai Navale Medical Collge, Pune, Maharashtra</i>
<i>Dr Shine Shukoor</i>	<i>Travancore Medical College, Kerala</i>
<i>Dr Syed Moied Ahmed</i>	<i>J N Medical College, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh</i>
<i>Dr Tarlika Parimal Doctor</i>	<i>BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat</i>
<i>Dr S. Vijayanand</i>	<i>Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences, Karnataka</i>
<i>Dr Y.V. Bansod</i>	<i>Medical College, Nagpur, Maharashtra</i>

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual INDO-US Academic Council for Emergency & Trauma-2009 (ACET-2009) meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 along with the fifth INDO-US Emergency Summit 2009 at the PSG Institute of Medical Sciences, Coimbatore.

**Dr Sagar Galwankar** Chief Academic Officer for the INDO-US Emergency and Trauma Collaborative welcomed all the ACET members and presented the work done by the INDO-US Program till date. He appraised the Councilors about the activities of ACET in the past year and announced the recognition of Emergency Medicine as a separate specialty by the Medical Council of India (MCI). The members were congratulated for this accomplishment. It was emphasized that the Councilors must spearhead initiatives to create Departments of Emergency Medicine at their respective colleges so that Post Graduate residency programs can be started with the permission of the Medical Council of India.

**Dr Sagar Galwankar** also presented the report of the Journal of Emergencies, Trauma and Shock (JETS) in his capacity as the Executive Editor of this International Journal. He informed the members that JETS was now indexed in all major databases including Pubmed.

**Dr Tracy Sanson** from the University of South Florida (USF) spoke about the academic face of Emergency Medicine as a Specialty and as a department in the United States.

**Dr Kelly O' Keefe** (USF) highlighted training of residents and students in this specialty.

**Dr Sanjeev Bhoi** (AIIMS) reported on the various research projects being conducted under the framework of the INDO-US collaborative at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. He discussed about the translational research in Trauma Immunology and invited all ACET Councilors to join the patient safety research network being initiated at AIIMS.

**Dr Lorenzo Paladino** and his team (SUNY Downstate, New York) conducted a workshop on the role of evidence-based medicine in the specialty of EM.

**Government Medical College Vadodara and SSG Hospital of the Maharaja Sayajirao University Gujarat** were chosen to be the Hosts of INDO-US Emergency Medicine Summit of 2010 which will also Co-Host the Annual ACET Assembly.

**Dr Dipesh Duttaroy**, Professor of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (Medical College Vadodara) assumed charge as the **New Secretary General** from **Dr Sundarakumar Sundarajan**, Chief of Emergency Medicine (PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Coimbatore). He received the **Ceremonial Gold Plaque of INDUS Collaborative** which signified the transfer of responsibilities and hallmarked the expansion of INDO-US EM Movement to the Majestic State of Gujarat which celebrates its Golden Jubilee in 2010. The Summit will be held in the backdrop of the International Navaratri Festival from 6th October to 10th October 2010.

In his Inaugural Speech as the New Secretary General, **Dr Duttaroy** recognized his team who were attending the 2009 Summit in full strength and were ready to assume their roles as hosts hailing from Vadodara, a city famous for its culture, commerce and warm hospitality. He welcomed all the Councilors to Vadodara and promised a rich academic feast accompanied by fun and festivities. The theme chosen for 2010 Summit was "**Doctrines, Departments and Development**" which reflected progressive and innovative Emergency Health System of Gujarat. He distributed the early bird brochures for the 2010 Summit amongst all the Councilors.

***On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009, several issues related to developing the specialty of Emergency Medicine in India were discussed.***

**Dr Praveen Aggarwal** (AIIMS) highlighted the active role of the faculty from USA, particularly Dr. Tracy Sanson, Dr. Kelly O' Keefe, Dr. Bonnie Arquilla and others for getting the specialty of EM recognized in India. He proposed broad eligibility criteria for becoming a faculty in EM.

**The Councilors agreed to the following eligibility criteria for faculty in EM:**

1. For the post of Lecturer, post graduation (MD/MS/DNB recognized by MCI) in Medicine, Surgery, Anesthesia, Orthopedics, Pulmonary Medicine, Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine should be the eligibility criteria.
2. For the post of Assistant Professor, qualifications as stated above along with three years experience as Senior Resident in one of the above-mentioned specialties.
3. For the posts higher than Lecturer and Assistant Professor, a full-time faculty already working in EM may continue as Faculty in EM. If none is available, any faculty member working in the above-mentioned specialties at a post higher than Assistant Professor may be considered provided he is full-time involved in EM.

**Several other decisions were taken at the meeting:**

1. Regional ACET meetings should be scrapped; only Annual ACET meetings should be convened on the sidelines of the INDUS-EM Summits.
2. Research rules were revised as regards presenting investigations at the Annual INDUS-EM Summits. Following were the revisions agreed upon by Councilors:
  - More Posters would be accepted than the oral presentations.
  - Only 6 oral presentations will be presented during a Special Plenary Session at the Annual Summit.
  - These research presentations will be moderated by a group of Faculty and any questions from the audience will be addressed to the moderators who would in turn ask the presenter to respond.
  - The Journal Club Competitions will be presented by residents only
  - There will be no award for Oral or Poster presentations.
  - The 2010 National CPC League Competition will be coordinated by Dr Ashish Bhalla from PGI Chandigarh.
3. To develop future faculty in Emergency Medicine, it was decided to create the **Academic College of Emergency Teachers in India. (ACET-India)**. Founding Members of the College will meet in 2010 at Vadodara. The Members would be eligible to join the College after they graduate from the Faculty Development Program laid out by the current Councilors of ACET. Dr Bhoi was requested to coordinate with all ACET members and enroll them for the faculty development program. Details of the Program are as follows:
  - **Eligibility:** Existing Faculty with Postgraduate degree (MD/MS/DNB) in Medicine, Surgery, Anesthesia, Orthopedics, OBG, Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine (MCI recognized)
  - **Recommended Reading:** Textbook of Emergency Medicine (by Tintinalli) @ 200pages/month

- **Accountability:** Ten Online Exams starting December 2009 held between the 5<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of every month with Final Written Test on 5th October 2010 at Vadodara before the INDUS-EM Summit. Monthly test will have 50 MCQs with a passing of 70% while Final will be 250 questions with the same passing percentage.
- **Fees:** Rs 20,000 to be paid by the Faculty as Program cost.
- **Review:** A mid-year Board Review Course will be held in May 2010 at the Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences, Dehradun. Dr Anita Sharma will coordinate the Course.
- **First Meeting:** Inaugural meeting of the Academic College of Emergency Teachers of India will be held during the INDUS-EM Summit 2010 at Vadodara.

Dr Bonnie Arquilla, Scientific Chair of INUS-EM 2009 proposed that every 2 yearly there should a new scientific chair and a vice-chair who at the end of chair's tenure, will take over as the scientific chair of the congress. She proposed Dr Sanjeev Bhoi's name as vice-chair which was accepted unanimously. The meeting came to an end after distribution of certificates to the ACET members.



**Dr. Praveen Aggarwal**  
**National Chair**